

THE SKINN MAN

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Attempts to curb the poisonous effects of consumerism have failed, leaving modern society to face a pollution problem of epidemic proportions. And in this decaying world, a mysterious organization - one entrenched in the field of genetic research - threatens to sustain the downward spiral of humanity. The Cobra Man has been dispatched to make sure everything goes as planned. Tatsuo Kagura, a.k.a. The Skull Man, an ambassador from the world of the dead endowed with extraordinary abilities and searching desperately for his parents' killers and the nature of his powers (both linked to the organization), may be the only hope mankind has. But Kagura is torn between his obsession with his past and his obligation to righteousness. His sister, Maya, a disembodied presence in his life, and Maria, another being with immense power, can help guide him in this quest, if only they can figure out how to manifest these powers of destruction into a form of salvation.





THE SKULLMAN

In the Shadows Between Life and Death

While Maya has transformed into an ethereal, disembodied presence in his life, Tatsuo is now trapped in a state between life and death, an ambassador from the netherworld to right the wrongs of man. He renounced the name Tatsuo Kagura, the name of his former, invidious self, and returned to Earth having reclaimed the name of his father, Ryusei Chiasato. The sole heir to the massive Chiasato estate, Ryusei rebuilt his parents' lab and resumes their research for the benefit of mankind. Driven by a new, magnanimous ethic, his current mission involves thwarting the actions of a mysterious syndicate that may have been started by the assistant who survived the attack on the lab all those years ago, and who also continues that research, experimenting with genetic mutation and mind control in a fiendish plot to subjugate mankind. It is possible that this man is, or works closely with, the foreboding Rasputin, a devilish taskmaster who is overseeing the research personally.

The Syndicate

Gene-splicing human DNA with that of other living beings, the syndicate is developing legions of mutant warriors to enslave the world. The most virulent of these mutant warriors find themselves in positions of leadership or privilege within the hierarchy of the syndicate. Each mutant group serves a different role: a league of spider mutants are the assassins; a platoon of plant mutants man a science station that produces a mutagenic serum; a hive of wasp mutants perform live mind control experiments on an unsuspecting Tokyo; a force of chameleon men orchestrate heists as a means to fund the organization.

The Most Unlikely of Allies, The Most Unlikely of Enemies

Satsuki Katsurugawa is a journalist piecing together The Skull Man's history in an attempt to uncover his identity and scoop a story on him, one of the most notorious mass murderers of all time. However, probing into The Skull Man's past means probing into the origins of the syndicate, and that made the cub reporter a target. Goro Ayase (a scorpion mutant), an agent of the syndicate and an old schoolmate of Tatsuo, promptly landed Katsurugawa in the hospital, but not before Detective Hioka caught the scent. Hioka loathes the now-legendary criminal The Skull Man, despite the fact that this criminal saved his life from the stern femme fatale Dr. Kuroki, a mutated human known as Queen Wasp, and a lieutenant in the syndicate. However, Hioka is beginning to understand The Skull Man's plight and to recognize the syndicate as a much more formidable enemy. And Maria, an agent of the syndicate with extraordinary powers similar to those of The Skull Man, is questioning her allegiance, especially after forming a tenuous kinship with her supernatural brethren.

the story thus far...

Glimpses into the Past

Fearing that the genetic experiments being conducted by his superhuman son and daughter-in-law would cause more harm to humanity than good, Toratsuki Chiasato organized an attack on their lab - murdering all of the scientists involved - and vowed to raise the two children of the couple, Maya and Tatsuo, his grandchildren, in a world removed from the horrors of biotechnology. However, the infant Tatsuo escaped the attack, rescued by his playmate, the artificial human mutant Garo, and wound up in the care of the Clan Kagura. But he was not the only soul to escape. An assistant on the team survived as well.

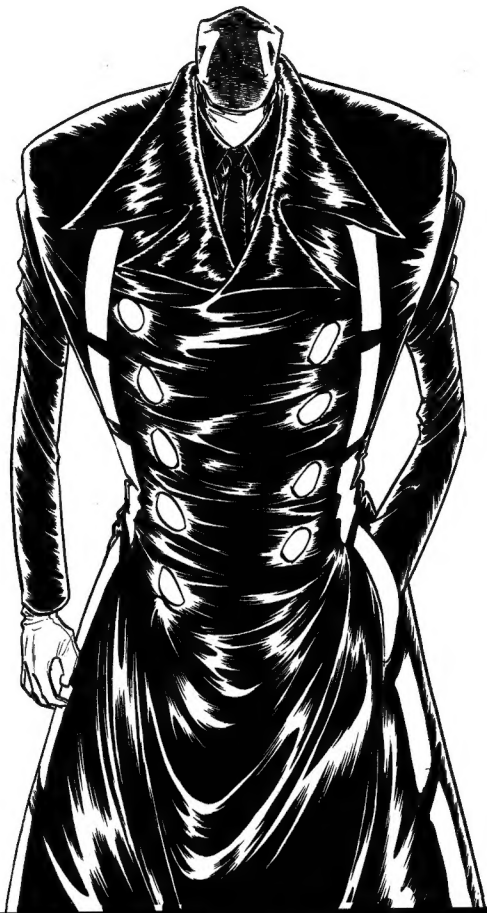
Driven by Revenge

Throughout his childhood, Tatsuo excelled in academics and sports, eclipsing the efforts of students like Goro Ayase, a man who would later come to play a significant role in Tatsuo's adulthood. It was during his schooling that Tatsuo also developed inexplicable and exceptional powers, all the while consumed by a thirst for vengeance. Once old enough to leave his adopted family, he set out to find his parents' murderer. But in his quest to bring the fiend to justice, Tatsuo, now The Skull Man, committed gruesome atrocities against mankind, becoming the kind of killer he vowed to destroy... until he eventually caught up with his prey.

A Conflagration of Purity (a moment of transformation)

Toratsuki Chiasato, his own grandfather, stood at the threshold of his compound, Maya at his side, imploring the seething Tatsuo to join him within. Still young and impulsive, the boy lunged at the object of his rage and fell straight into a trap. Steel walls slammed down around him, trapping all three of them, brother, sister and grandfather, as a fire engulfed the building. There was no hope for escape. Toratsuki calmly embraced his brood, secure in the knowledge that he had saved the world from the awesome but unrefined power contained within both children. But little did he realize the essence of life for Tatsuo and his sister transcends the corporeal...

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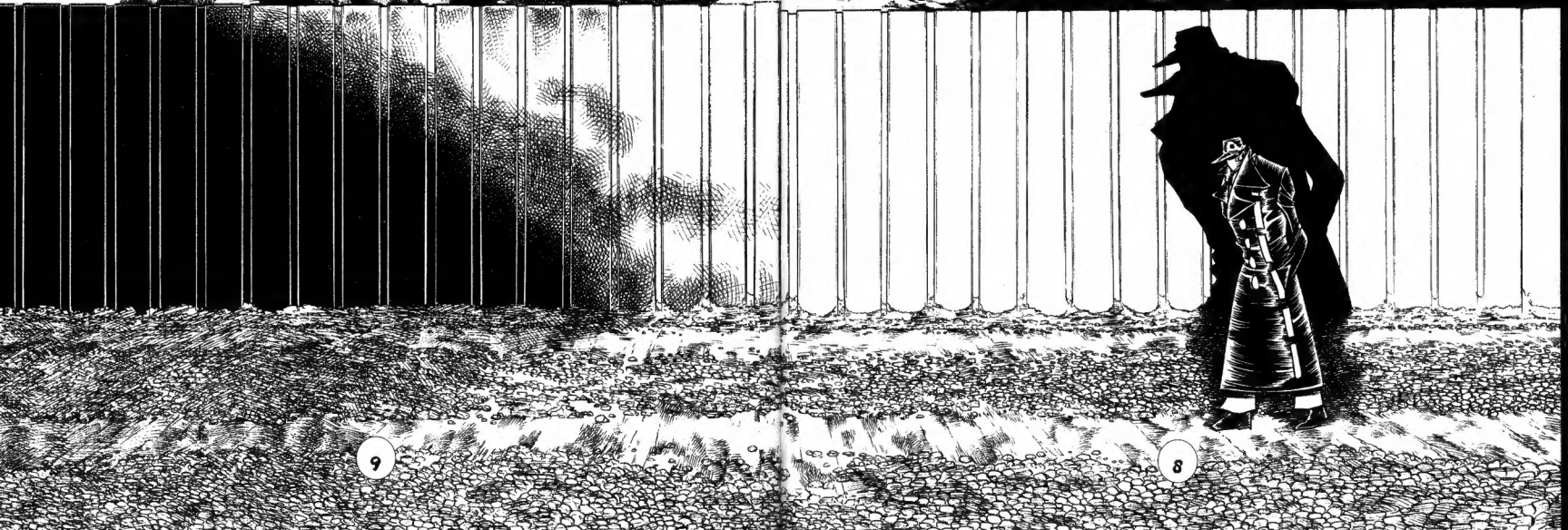


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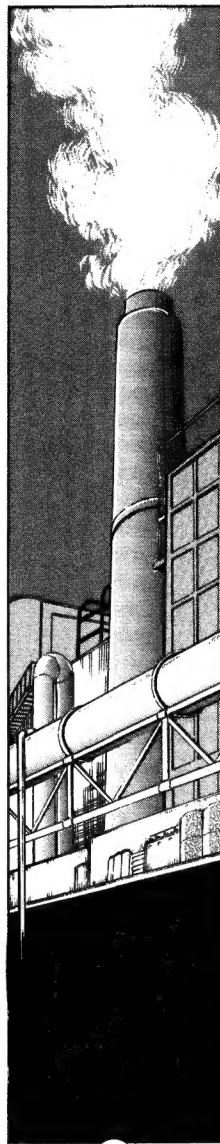
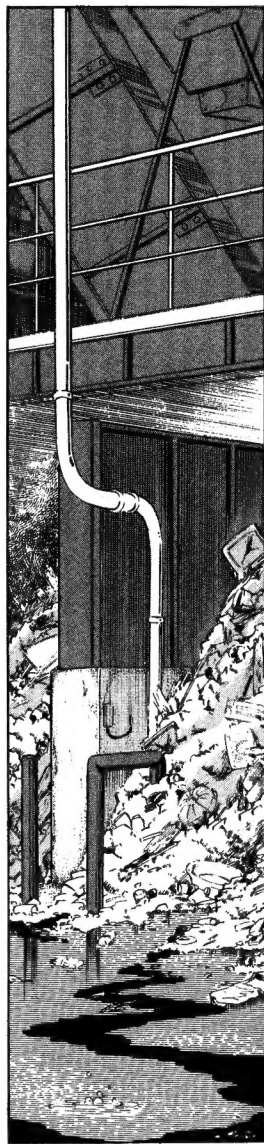
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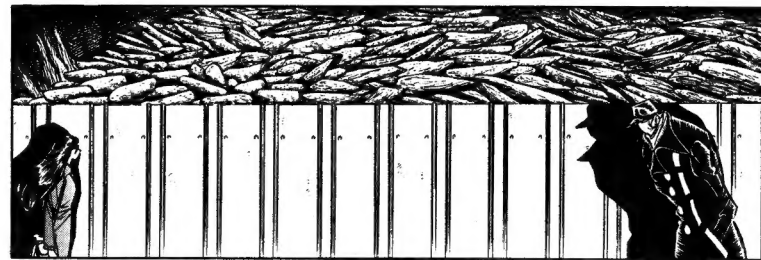


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I FEEL MORE COMFORTABLE
HERE THAN
ANYWHERE
ELSE.

HA
HA...



...IS
ME!

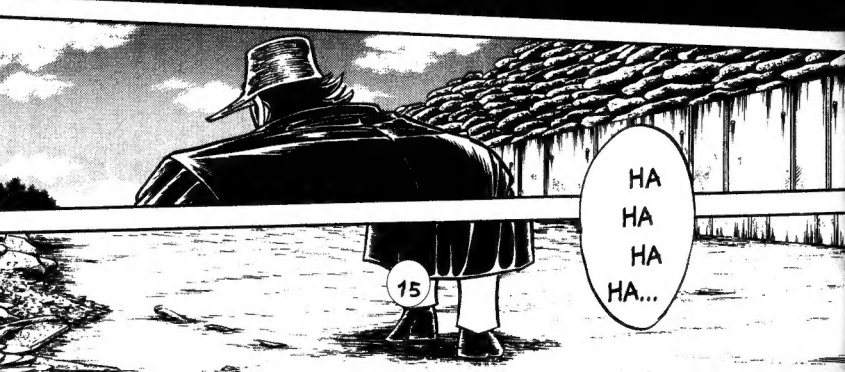
THIS
PLACE...



HA
HA
HA
HA...



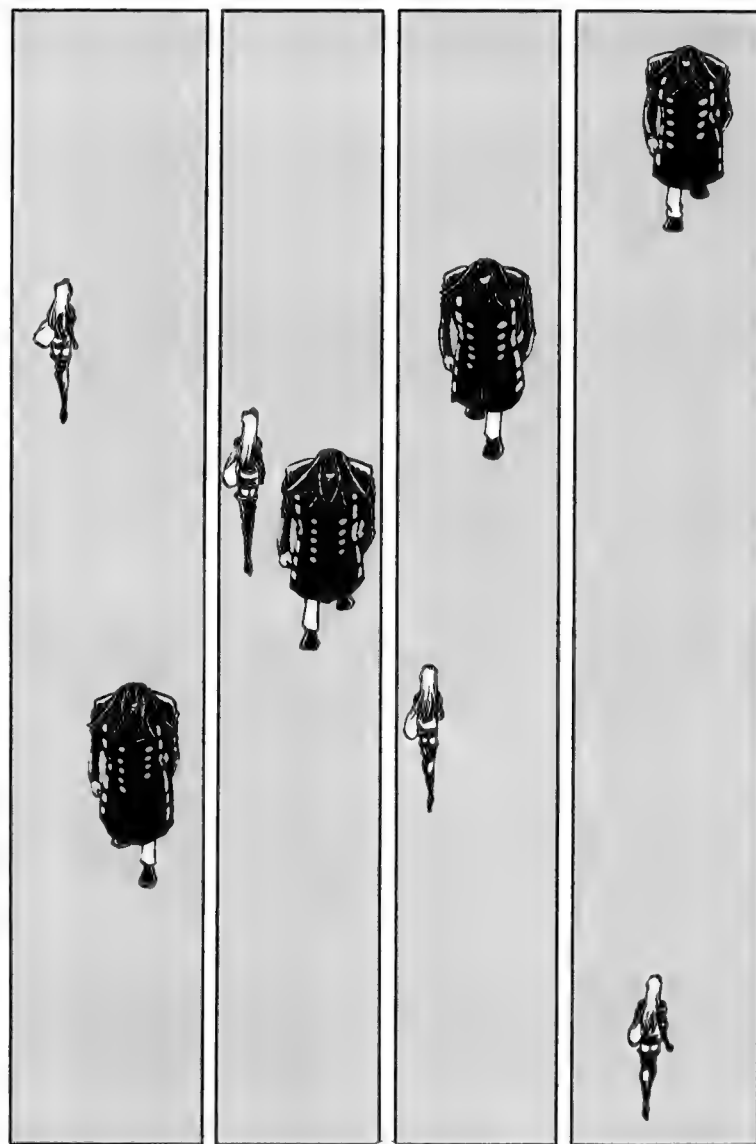
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SHE'S
NOT MY
PROBLEM.

BUT IT MIGHT BE
BEST...

...TO FIND OUT
WHERE SHE'S
BEEN ALL THIS
TIME.

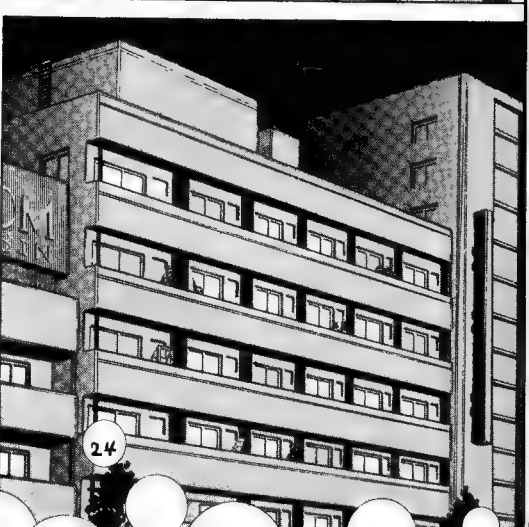
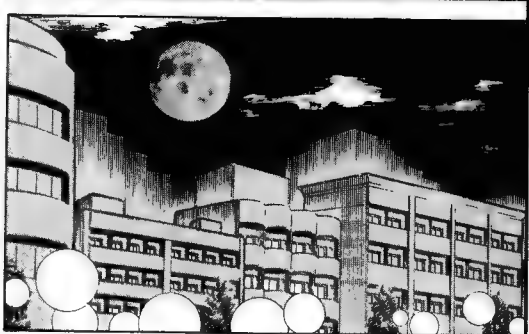
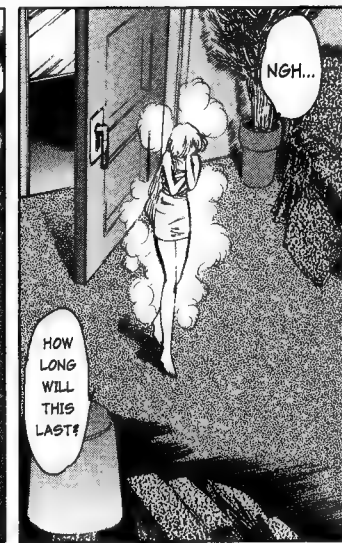
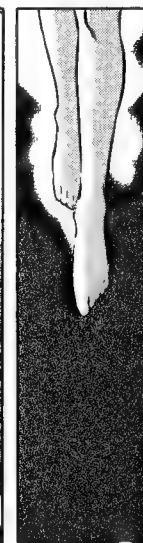
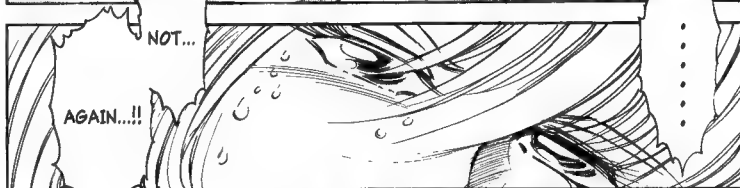
WE THOUGHT
SHE DIED.

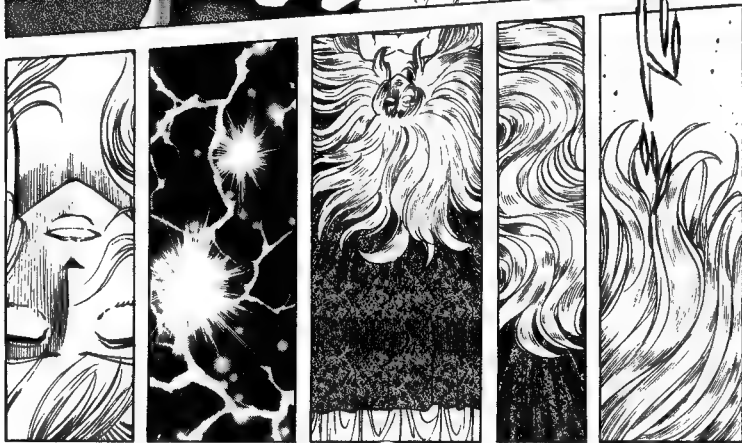
SURPRISE,
SURPRISE...

SHE
DISAP-
PEARED
FROM THE
CLAN SIX
MONTHS
AGO.

M
A
R
I
A!





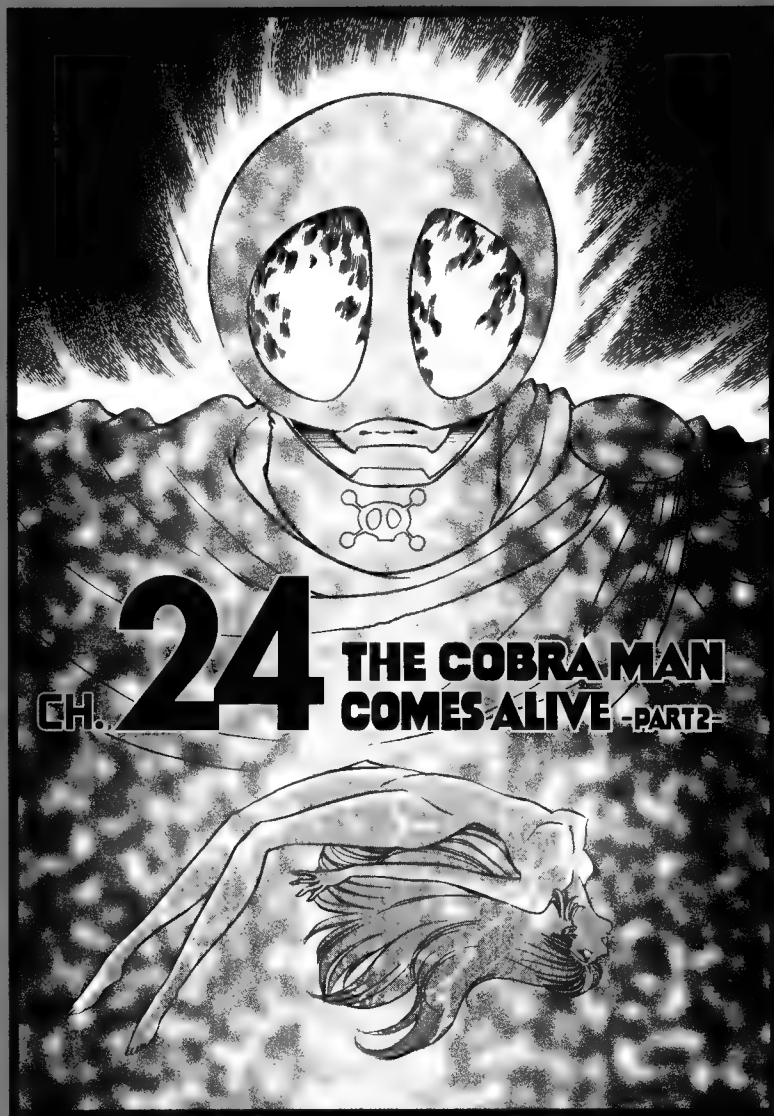


SHII!!!

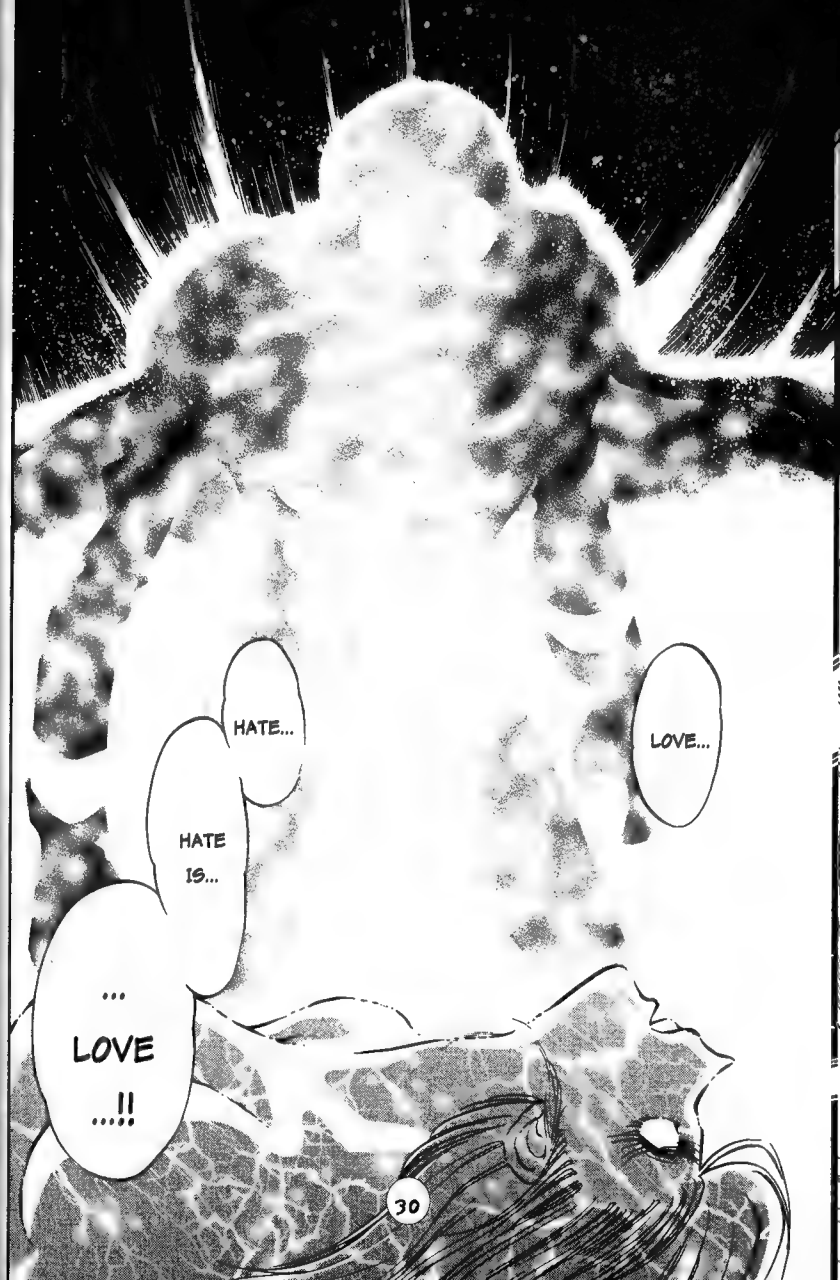


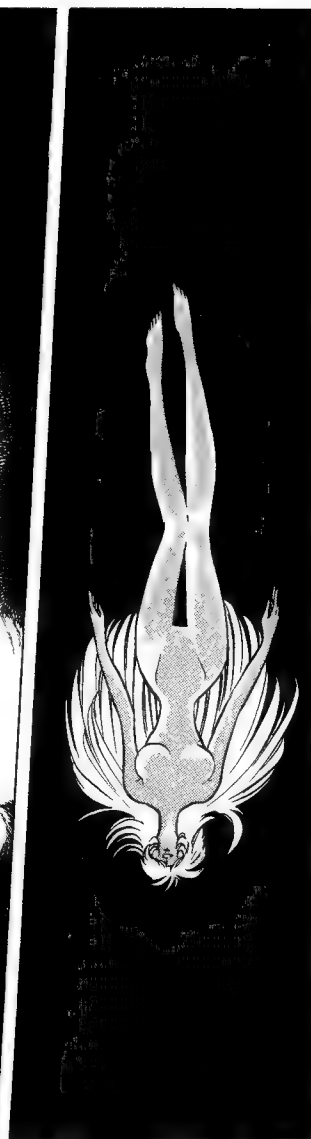
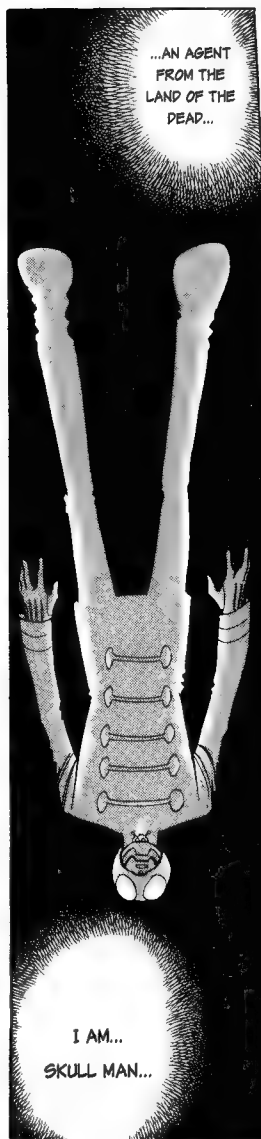
I WAS
INFECTED BY
THAT...THAT
THING...!!





CH. **24** **THE COBRA MAN**
COMES ALIVE -PART2-









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HE'S
OVER
THERE!

WATCH
OUT!!

BUT...

THIS
TIME YOU'RE
FINISHED.

I DON'T KNOW
WHAT YOU
WANT, OR WHY
YOU CAME
AFTER US...

... BUT NOW
WE GOT YOU
RIGHT WHERE
WE WANT
YOU.

I SUSPECTED
YOU FROM THE
BEGINNING!

HOW DID YOU
KNOW I WAS
SKULL MAN?

I COMMEND
YOUR
DETECTIVE
WORK!

WE'RE
JUST
GOING TO
SLIP OUT
OF HERE
TOGETHER.

DON'T
MAKE A
SCENE.
BOSS.

HMM?

DAMN!



DON'T
LIE!!

YOU
KNOW.

YOU DO
KNOW!

WHO ORDERED
YOU TO
FOLLOW ME?

WHO IS
HE?

A... AGH...
I DON'T
KNOW
ANYTHING...

I...
GET MY
ORDERS
BY
TELEPHONE...

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NOW,
TALK!

THAT'S
WHY...

I BAITED
YOU...

AND
LURED
YOU
HERE!

IT'S
IRONIC!

YOU'RE
THE PREY
WHO
THINKS
HE'S THE
HUNTER!

THERE'S
INFORMATION
THAT I NEED
AND THAT
YOU WILL
GIVE ME!

AND
THAT'S
WHY...

HEH...
HEH
HEH.

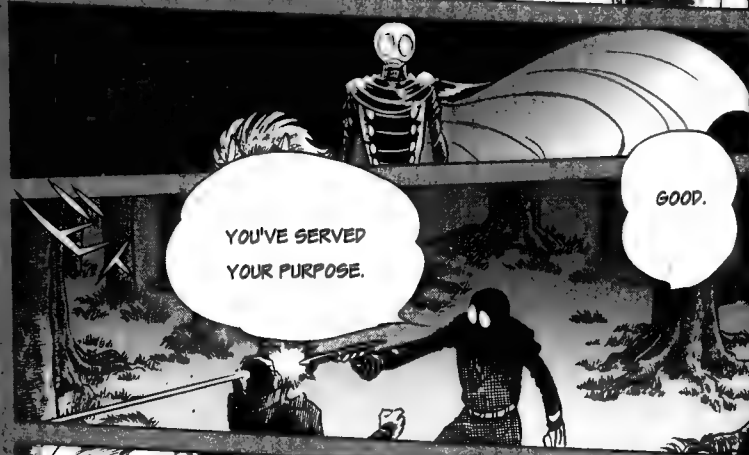
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CHISATO...

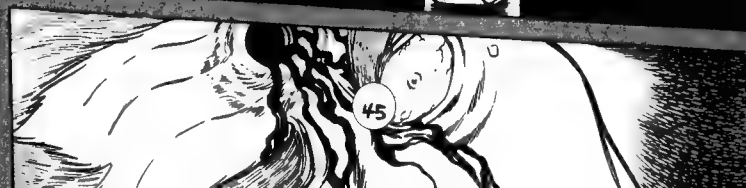
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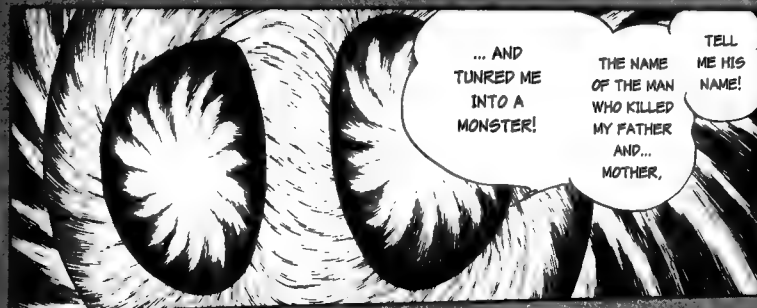


YOU'VE SERVED
YOUR PURPOSE.

GOOD.



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... AND
TURNED ME
INTO A
MONSTER!

THE NAME
OF THE MAN
WHO KILLED
MY FATHER
AND...
MOTHER,

TELL
ME HIS
NAME!



I KNOW THAT HE CONTROLS
SOME OF THE LARGEST COR-
PORATE INTERESTS IN
JAPAN'S ECONOMY... HE HAS
IMMENSE FINANCIAL AND
POLITICAL POWER.
THAT MUCH I KNOW!!



HIS
NAME...
IS...
CHISATO

A...
A...
...H,

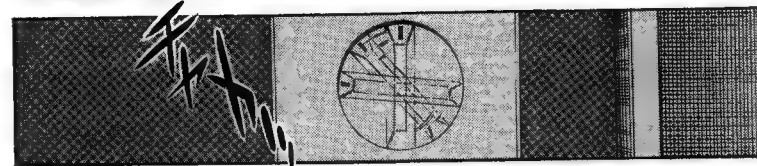
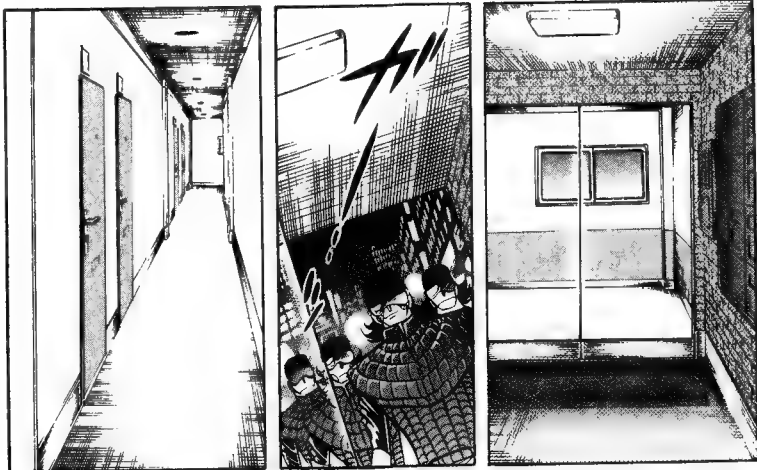
WHO IS
HE!

NOW,
TALK!

BUT I NEED TO
KNOW HIS NAME
AND WHERE HE
IS...!!

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WE GOT
HER OUT-
NUM-
BERED...

SHE
CAN ONLY
FIGHT ONE
OF US AT A
TIME.

WITH THREE
OF US WE'LL
HAVE HER
DOWN IN A
MINUTE.

WE HAVEN'T
GOTTEN
OUR
ORDERS
YET!

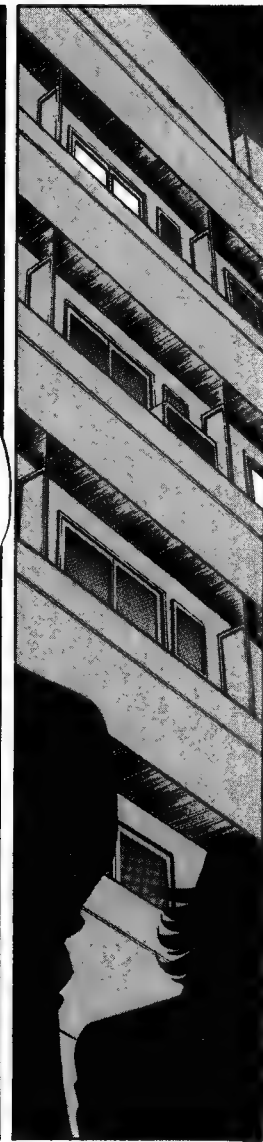
DON'T
WORRY
ABOUT IT!

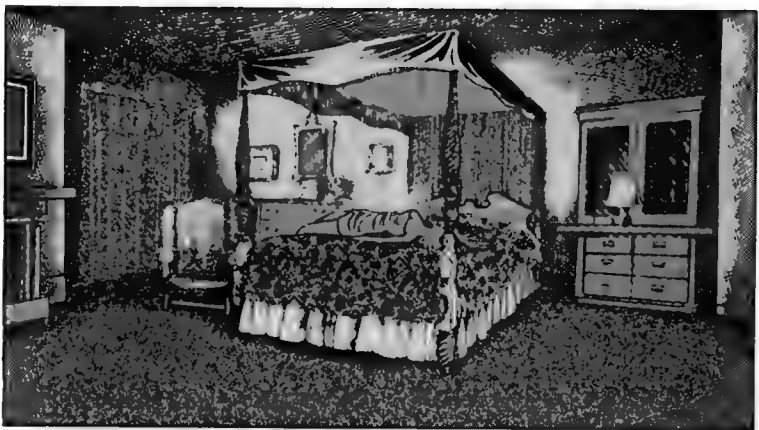
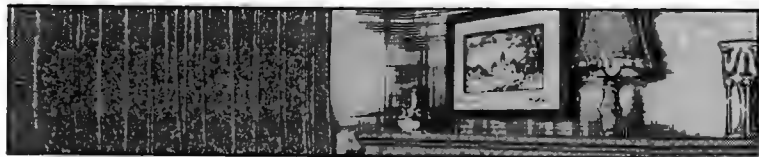
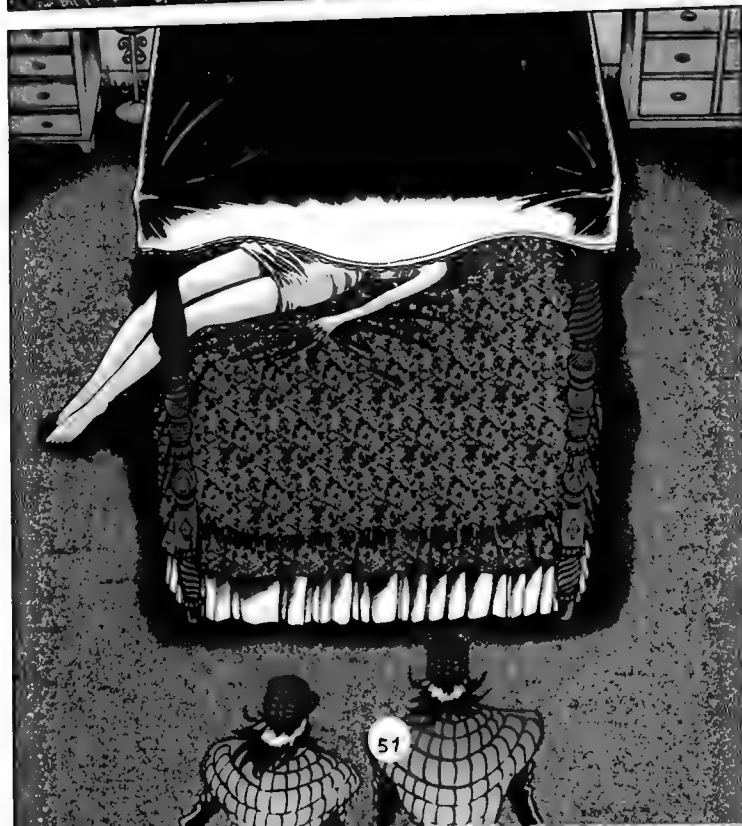
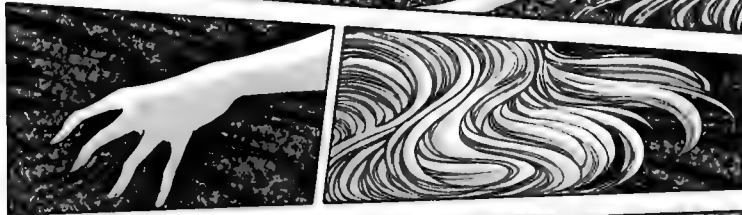
HEY,
WHERE
ARE YOU
GOING?

WHERE
DO YOU
THINK?

WE KNOW
WHAT
ROOM
SHE'S IN.

LET'S
JUST GO IN
THERE AND
GET HER.







... LET'S
OFFER HER
A LITTLE
WARMTH...



WELL
THEN, JUST
TO SHOW
HOW NICE
WE ARE...



SHE
MIGHT
CATCH
COLD.

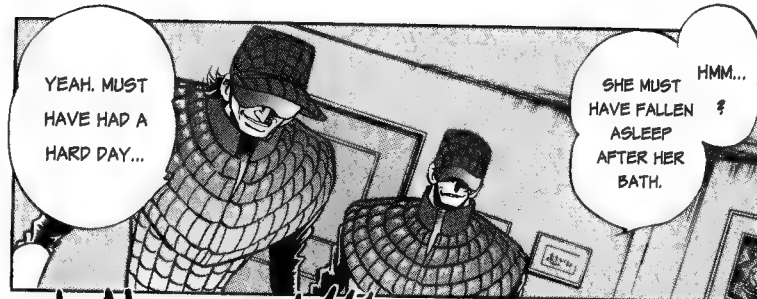
WELL WE
CAN'T JUST
LEAVE HER
LIKE THIS.



WHA
?!



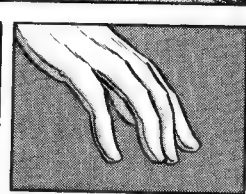
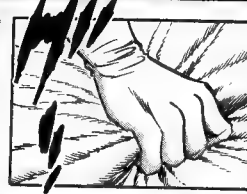
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YEAH. MUST
HAVE HAD A
HARD DAY...

SHE MUST
HAVE FALLEN
ASLEEP
AFTER HER
BATH.

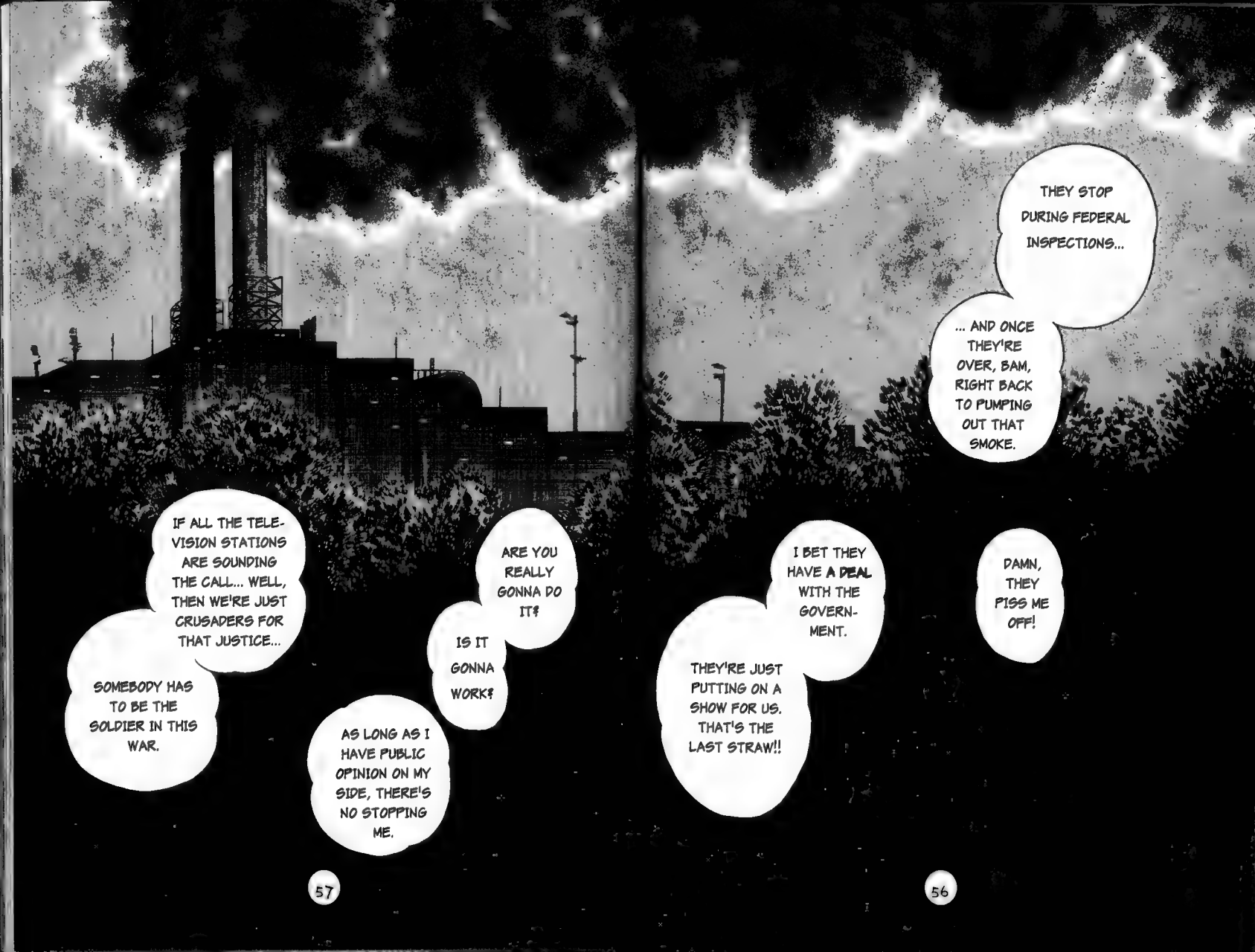
HMM...
?



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COMES ALIVE -PART B-





IF ALL THE TELEVISION STATIONS ARE SOUNDING THE CALL... WELL, THEN WE'RE JUST CRUSADERS FOR THAT JUSTICE...

SOMEBODY HAS TO BE THE SOLDIER IN THIS WAR.

AS LONG AS I HAVE PUBLIC OPINION ON MY SIDE, THERE'S NO STOPPING ME.

ARE YOU REALLY GONNA DO IT?

IS IT GONNA WORK?

THEY STOP DURING FEDERAL INSPECTIONS...

... AND ONCE THEY'RE OVER, BAM, RIGHT BACK TO PUMPING OUT THAT SMOKE.

I BET THEY HAVE A DEAL WITH THE GOVERNMENT.

DAMN, THEY PISS ME OFF!

THEY'RE JUST PUTTING ON A SHOW FOR US. THAT'S THE LAST STRAW!!



...IS BREAK
THEIR
MACHINES.

AND IF THE
NEWSPAPERS
LAP IT UP,
THAT'S GOOD FOR
US. WE AREN'T
THE ONES AFRAID
OF NEGATIVE
PUBLICITY.

ALL I
HAVE TO
DO...



WE'VE GOT
NOTHING
HOLDING US
BACK....!!

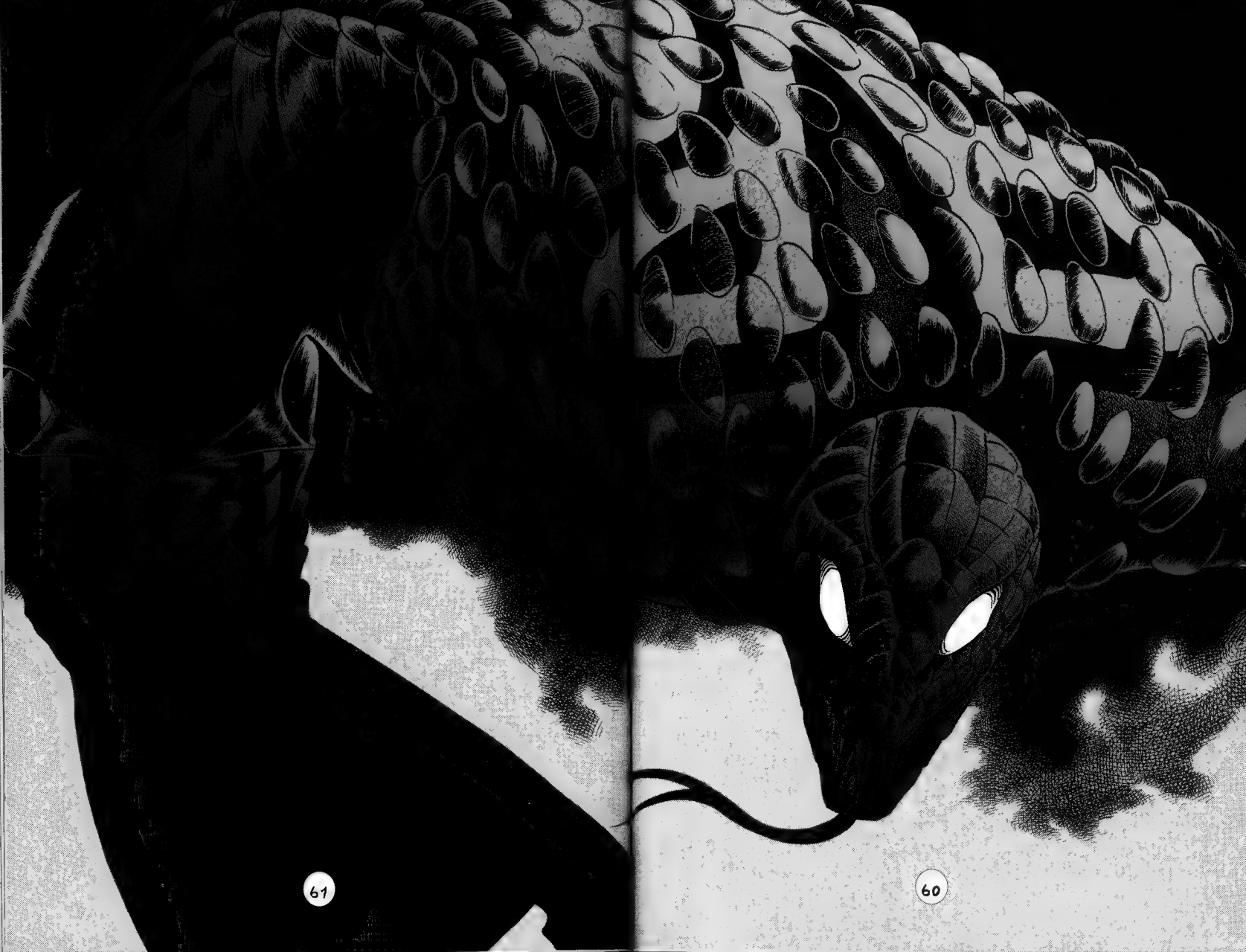
WE'RE
THE
VICTIMS....

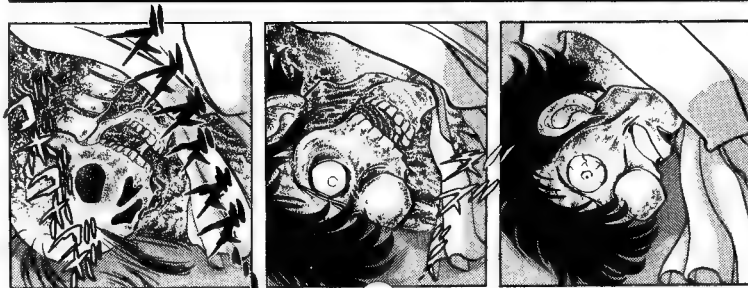


?

HMM?









I USED
TOO MUCH
VENOM.



OOPS...
HE
MELTED.



...A LITTLE
MORE
CAREFUL
WITH THE
TWO OF
YOU.



I'LL
HAVE
TO BE...





ALL YOU
HAVE TO DO
IS SACRI-
FICE YOUR-
SELVES...

WELL
THEN...



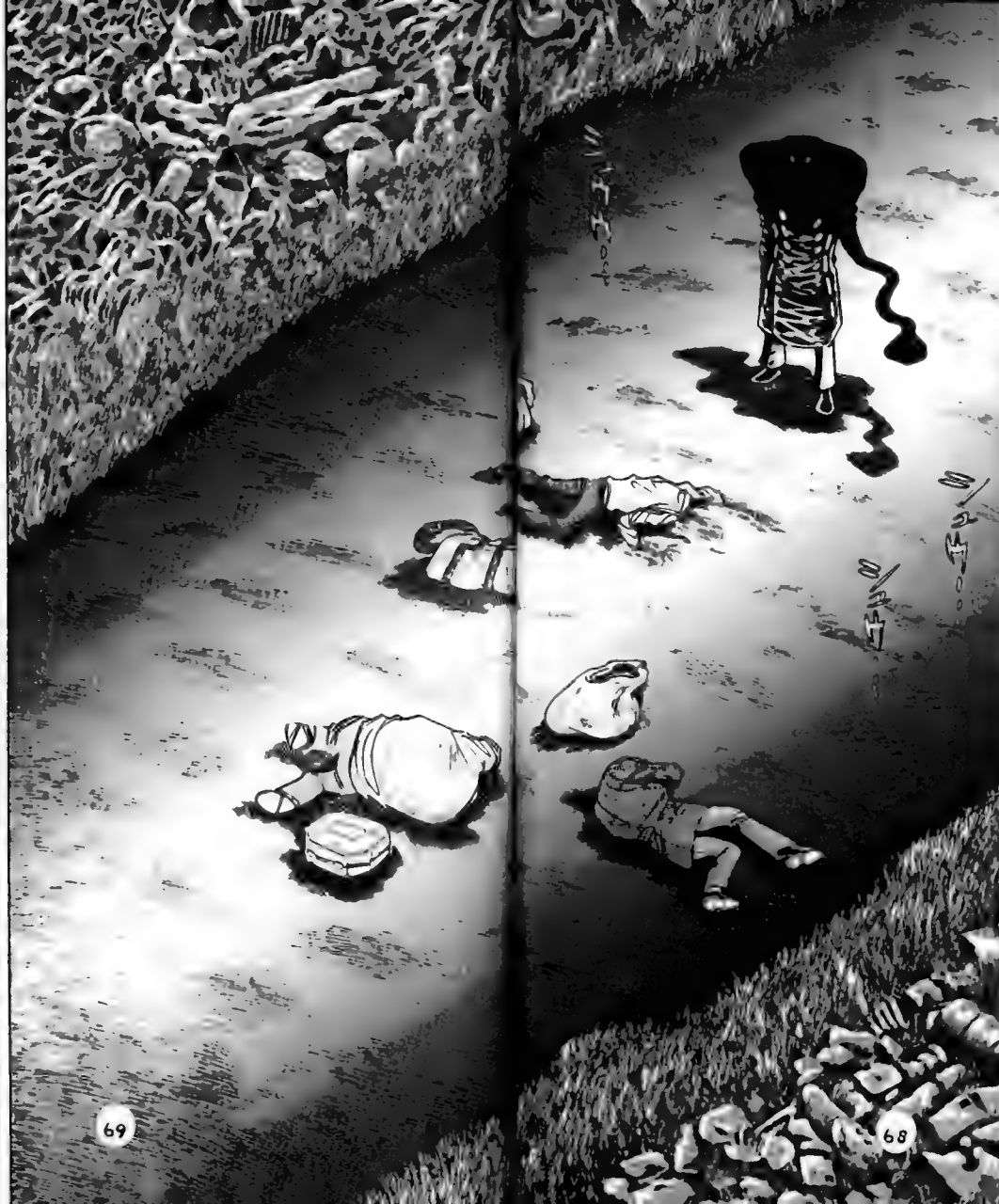
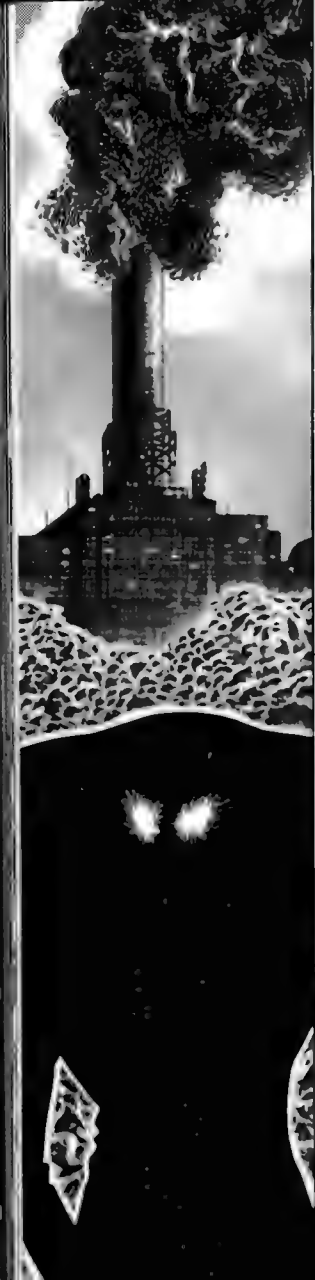
I
GUARANTEE
YOU, IT'LL
BRING THE
KIND OF
RESULTS
YOU WERE
HOPING
FOR.

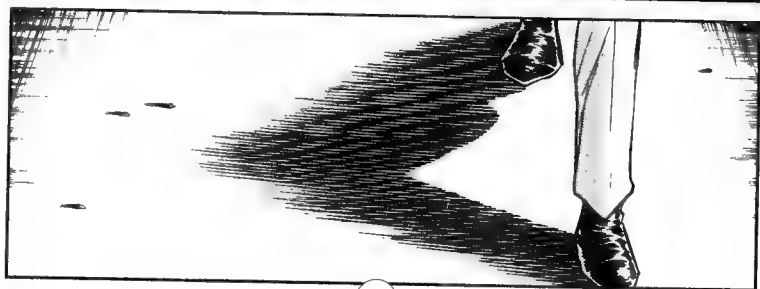
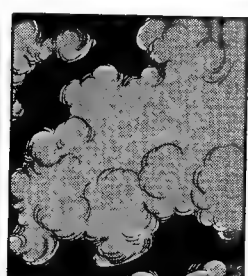
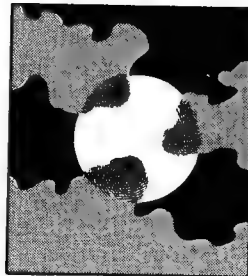
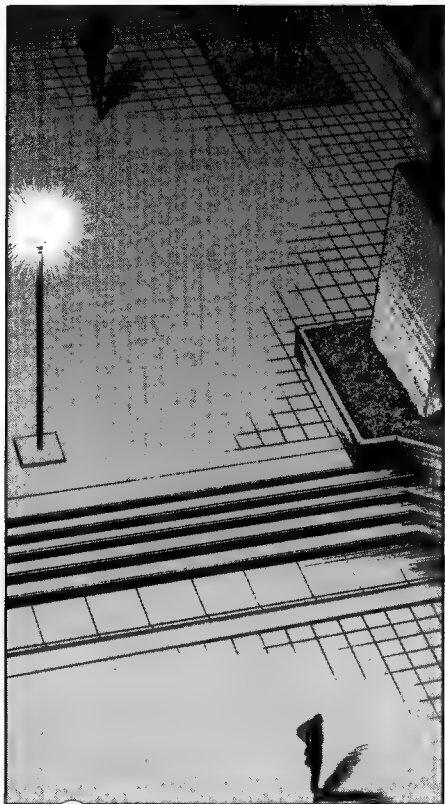
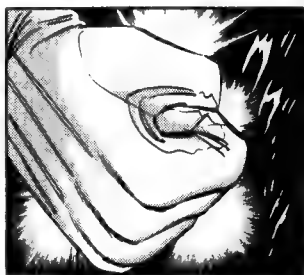


YOU NEEDED A
SPECTACLE,
RIGHT?

A
SENSATIONAL
PROBLEM
THAT WOULD
FORCE THE
GOVERNMENT
TO STAND UP
AND TAKE
NOTICE,
RIGHT?

AA...
WHA...
A...







WHAT'S IN
IT FOR
YOU?

WHY ARE
YOU
HELPING
ME?

I WANT
YOU IN MY
DEBT.

KNOCK
IT OFF!

I NEED
YOU TO
TRUST ME.

... FOR
THIS
WHOLE
MESS.

THE WAY I SEE
THE SITUATION,
YOU'RE
RESPONSIBLE...

I DON'T
OWE
YOU A
THING!

WITH THESE VIALS,
YOU'RE JUST
REPAYING YOUR
DEBT TO ME.

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"AN ELIXIR
MADE OF
ANTIBODIES
FROM INSIDE
THE WASP
QUEEN.

"ROYAL
JELLY..."

USE THIS
VIAL TO
SAVE YOUR
PARTNER'S
LIFE..."



OR KEEP
IT FOR AN
EMERGENCY."

"USE THE
OTHER ONE
TO PRO-
TECT
YOURSELF..."

YOU CAN
EITHER INJECT
YOURSELF
AS A
PREVENTIVE
MEASURE,

WHY?

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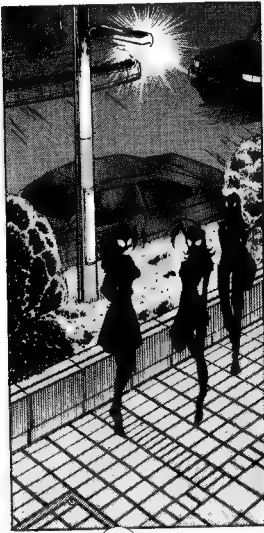
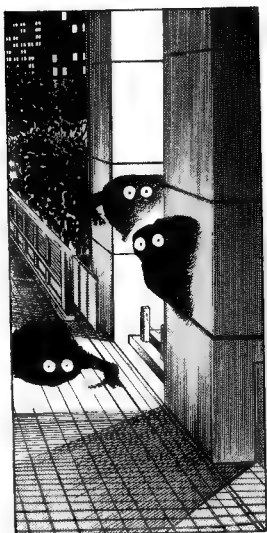
EVEN
AFTER I'D
ALREADY
GIVEN UP
HOPE.

HE DID SAVE
OTAKI'S LIFE.



HE'S
RIGHT,
THEN...

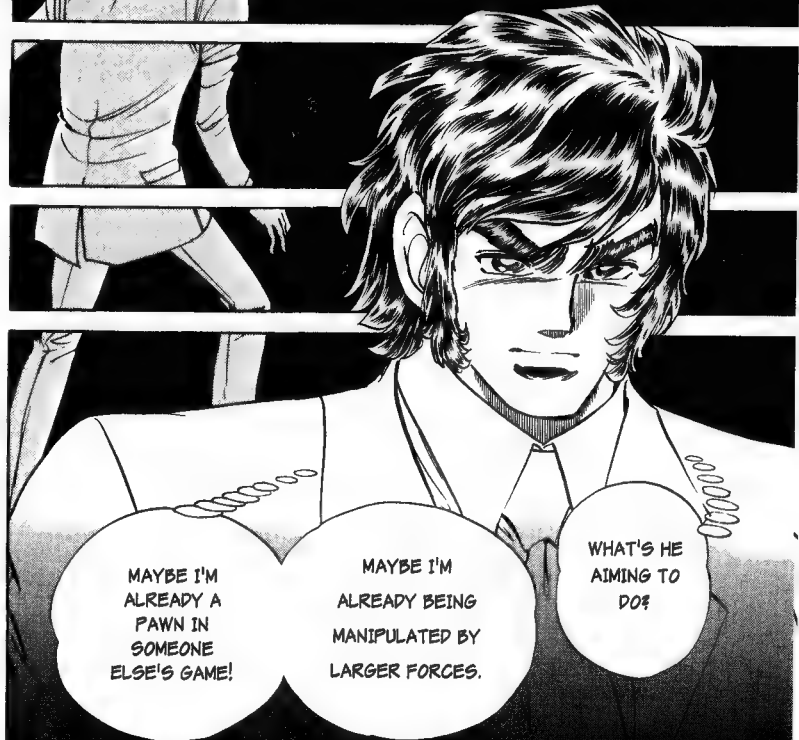
I DO
OWE HIM
ONE.



THAT'S FINE.
WE CAN
ALWAYS
DISCUSS
THINGS
LATER.

THAT'S A
CHARMING
TURN OF
PHRASE, BUT
YOU DON'T
REALLY
BELIEVE
THAT, DO
YOU?

HEH
HEH...



MAYBE I'M
ALREADY A
PAWN IN
SOMEONE
ELSE'S GAME!

MAYBE I'M
ALREADY BEING
MANIPULATED BY
LARGER FORCES.

WHAT'S HE
AIMING TO
DO?

CH. **26** **THE COBRA MAN**
COMES ALIVE -PART 4-



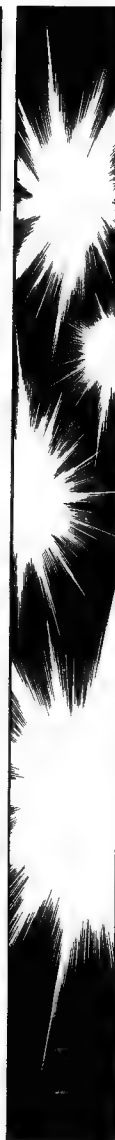
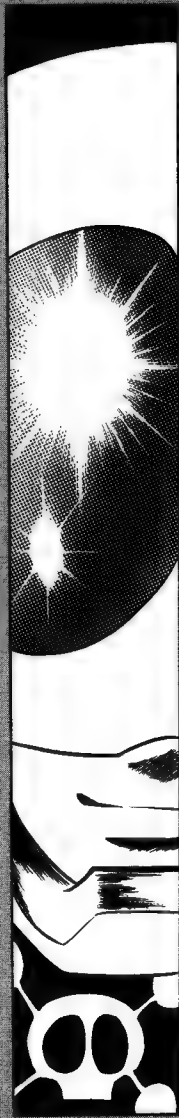
I DON'T
KNOW
WHEN,
WHERE, OR
HOW...

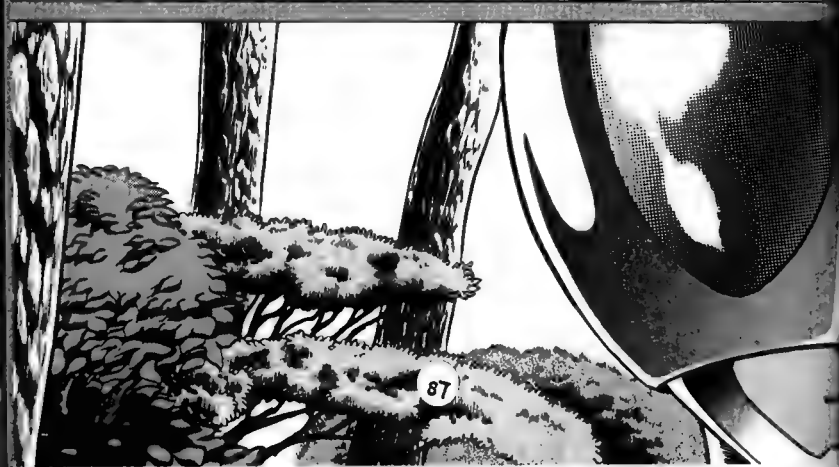
BUT I
WILL!!

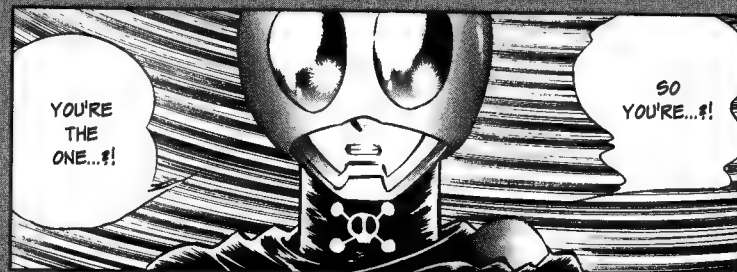
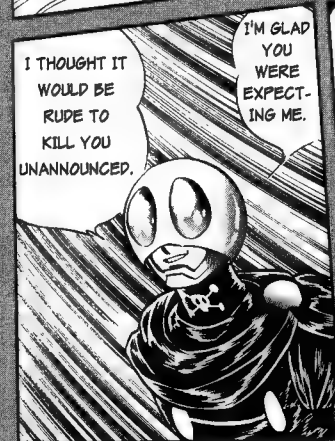
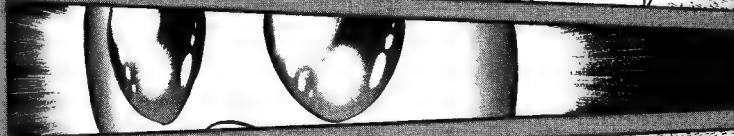
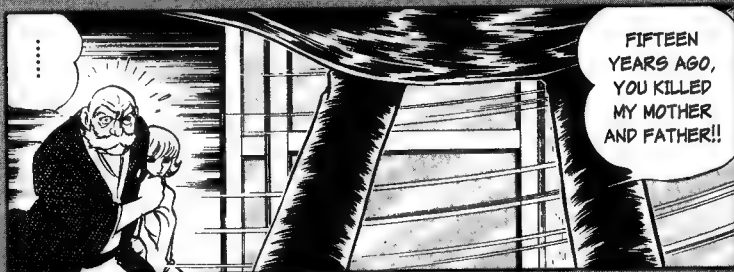
I'LL REPAY
THAT DEBT,
SKULL MAN!!

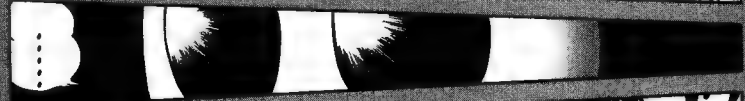


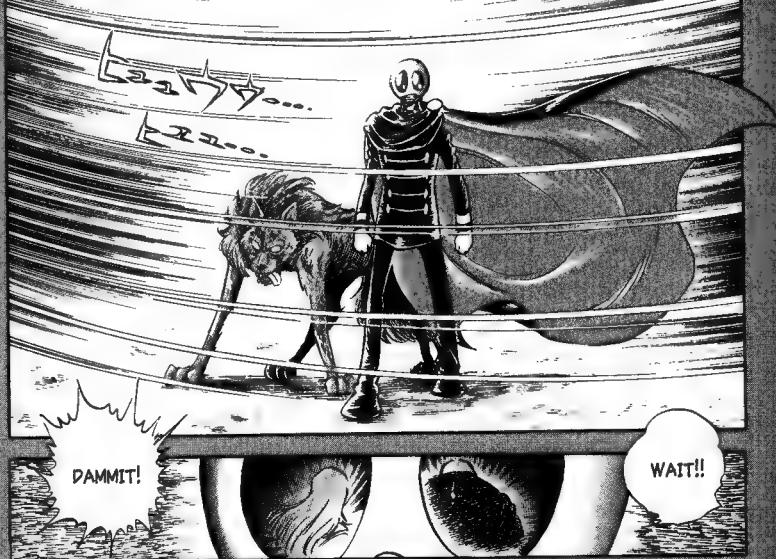












DAMMIT!

WAIT!!



WHAT?!

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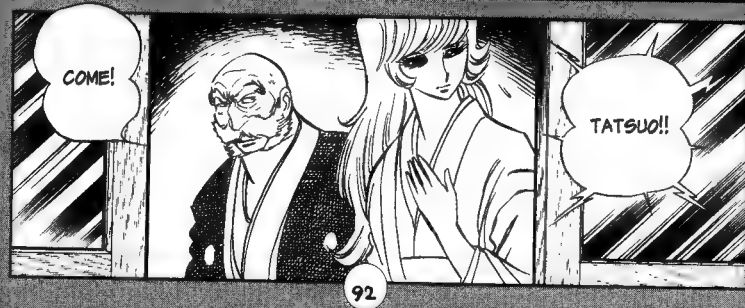
HUH?



I'M THE GRAND-
SON OF THIS
MONSTER?!

THE MAN WHO
KILLED MY
PARENTS IS...
MY OWN
GRANDFATHER?!

THE...



COME!

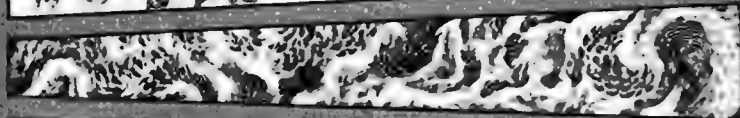
TATSUO!!

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WE WERE A
MISTAKE....!!

WE WERE
NOT MEANT
TO BE
BORN...



WHAT ARE
YOU TALK-
ING
ABOUT?!

WHA...



WHY
SHOULD
I...!!

I DON'T
WANT TO
DIE WITH
YOU...!

WHO ARE
YOU TO...



YOU'RE A
DEMON! YOU
HAVE NO RIGHT
TO LIVE!

YOU'RE NOTHING BUT A
MONSTER...YOU CRUSH
PEOPLE AS THOUGHT-
LESSLY AS INSECTS...

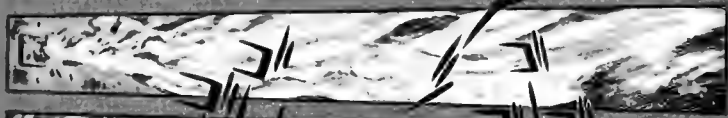


A
DEMON!?



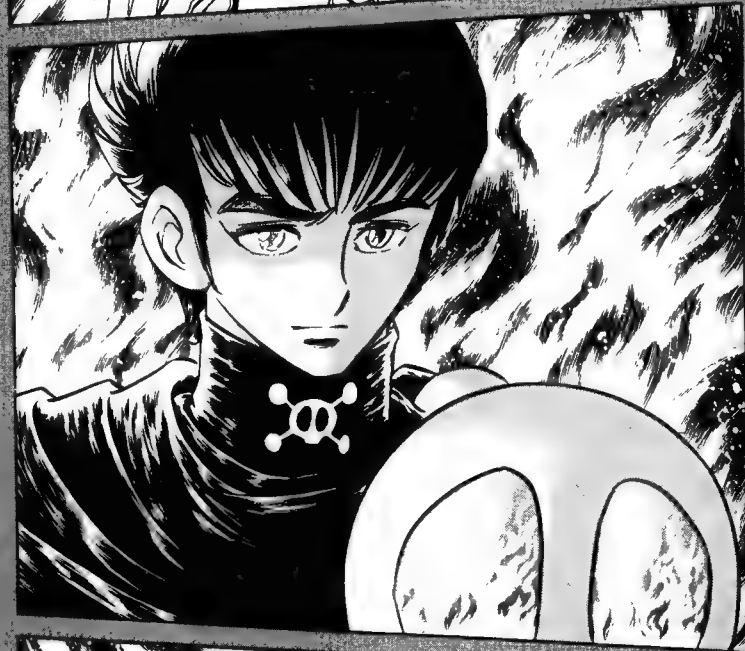
WE'RE ALL
DEMONS!!
WE'RE ALL
DAMNED!!

THAT'S
RIGHT.
YOU, ME...



TOGETHER
...!!

TATSUO!
LET'S
END IT
HERE...



THAT'S
WHY I
HAD TO
DO WHAT
I DID.

...

AT LEAST
MY SOUL
WILL FIND
PEACE...

... KNOWING
THAT YOU
DIED WITH
ME... THAT
ALL OF US
DIED
TOGETHER.

YOU HAD
NO
CHOICE...

... NO
CHOICE
BUT TO
MURDER.

N...
NO...

I'M...

...NOT A
MON-
STER...

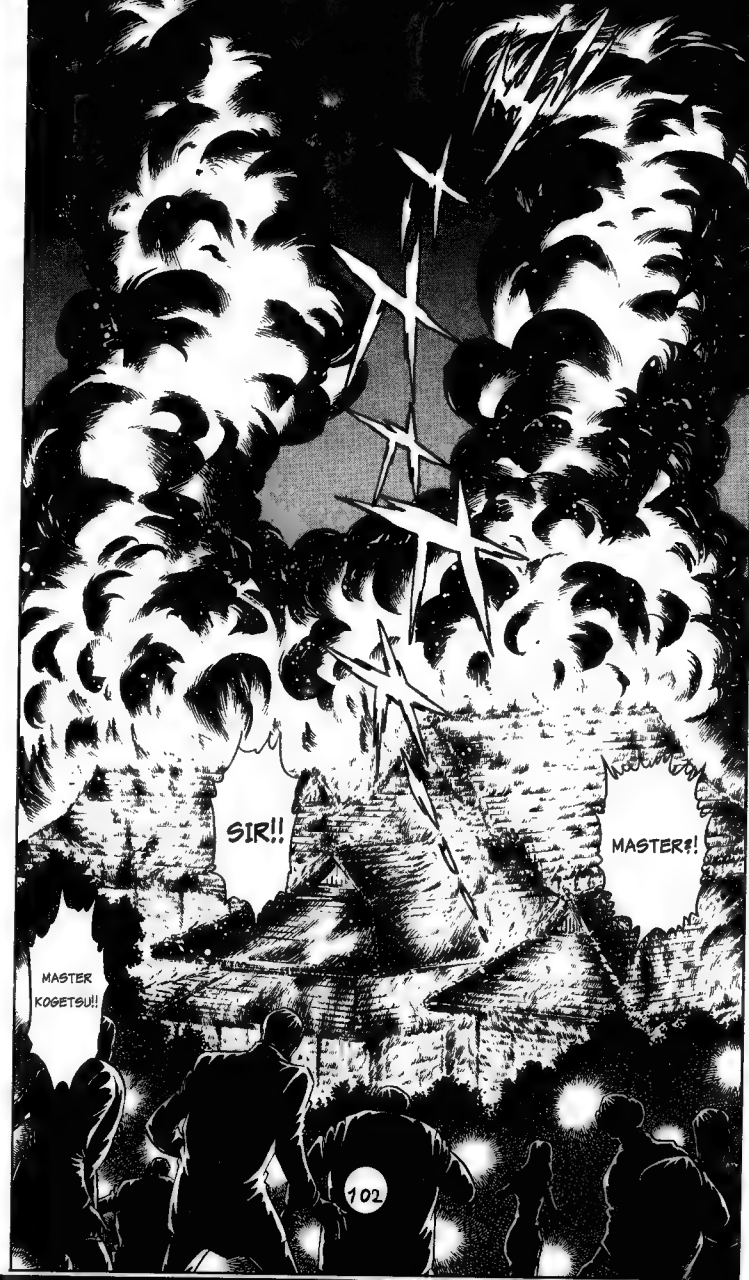
I'M A
VICTIM!

YOU HAD NO
CHOICE BUT
TO TOY
WITH AND
DESTROY
LIVES...

I HAD
NO
CHOICE
!!



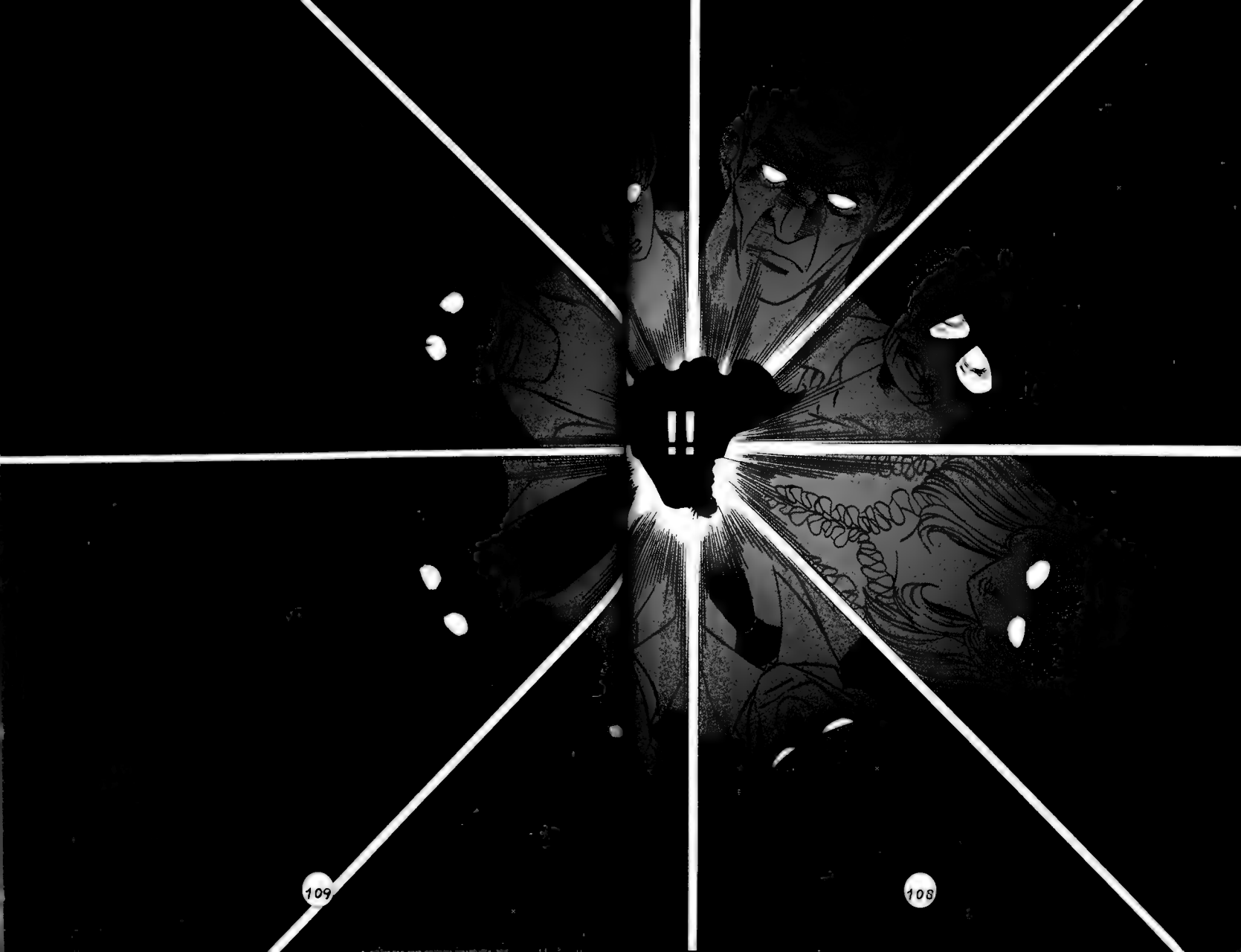


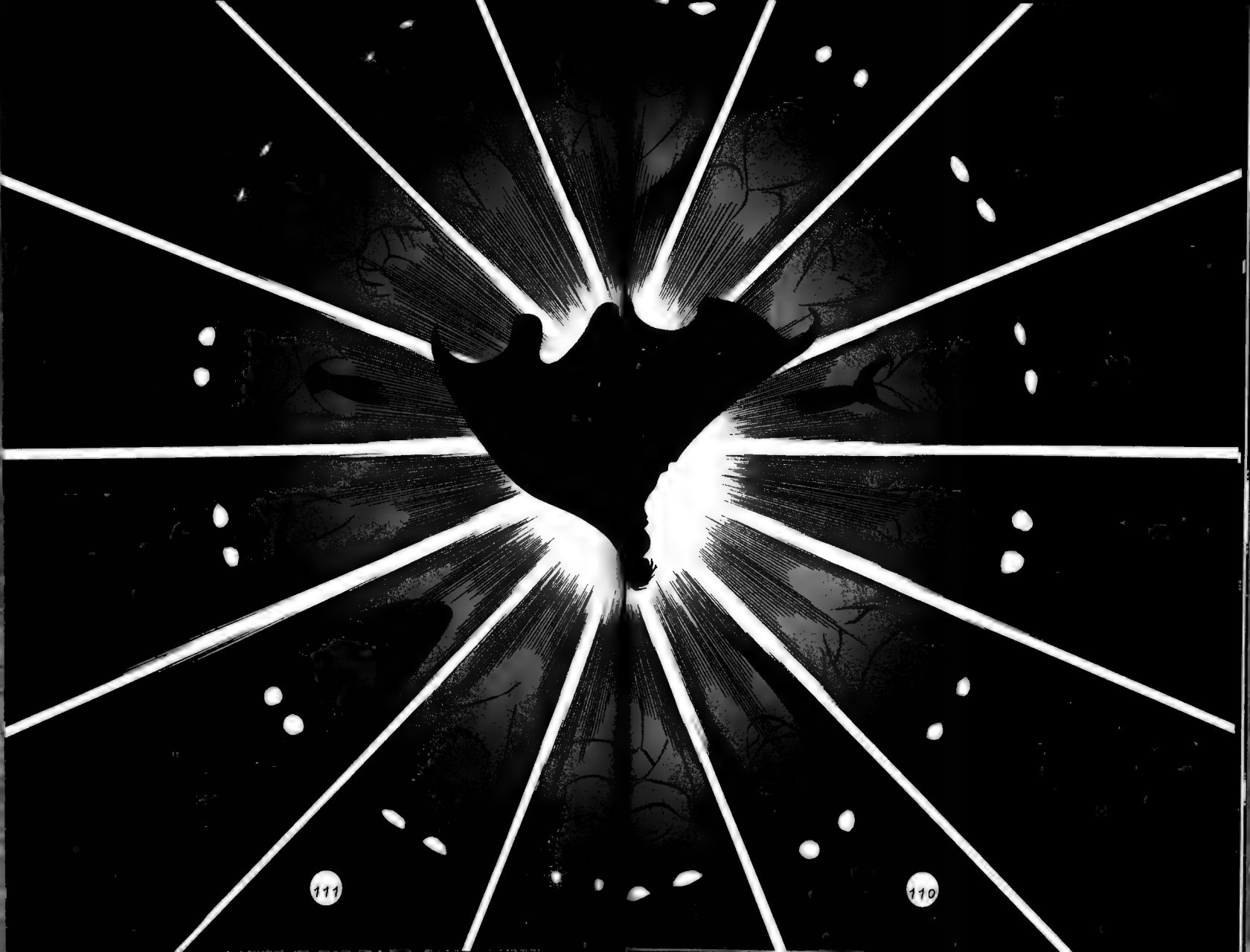




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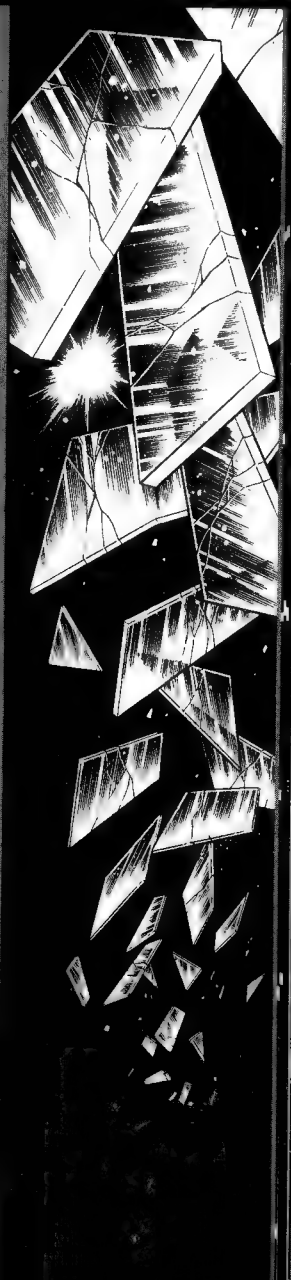


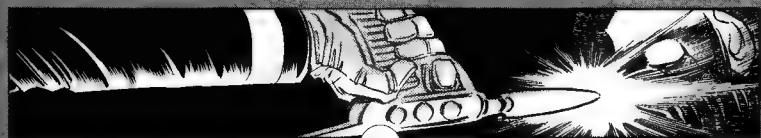
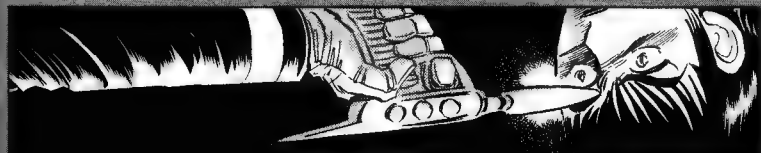
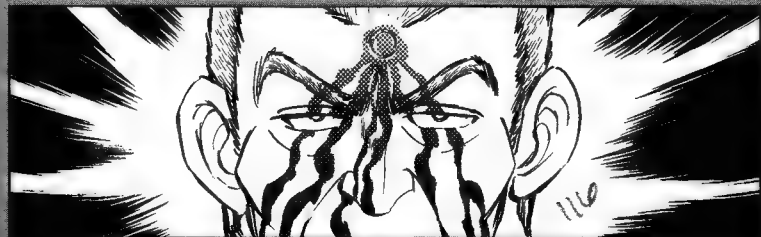


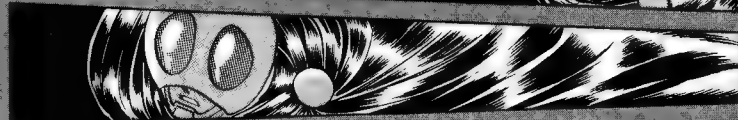


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YOU'VE
KILLED
SO
MANY
PEOPLE.



YOU WILL
NOT...

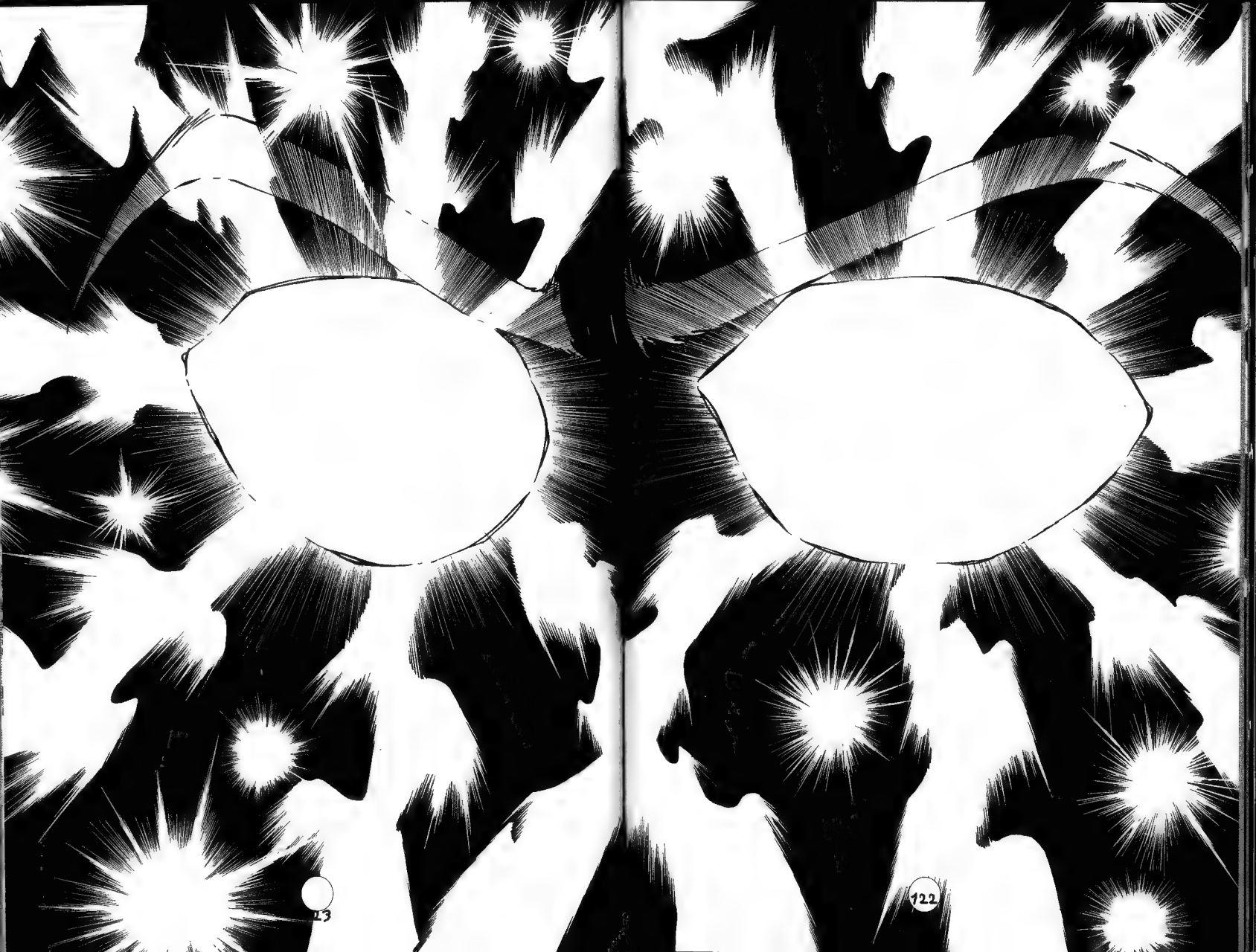


... DIE IN
SUCH
PEACE.

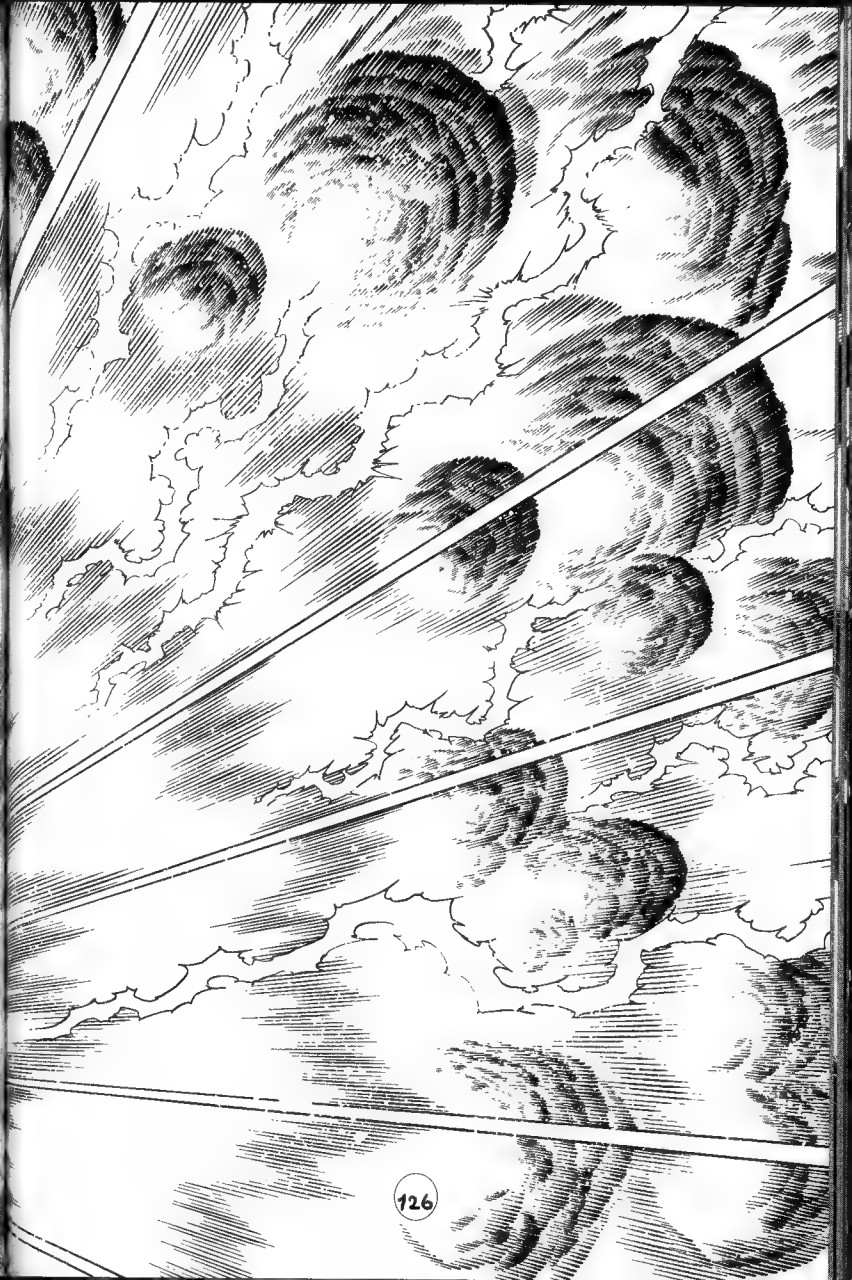
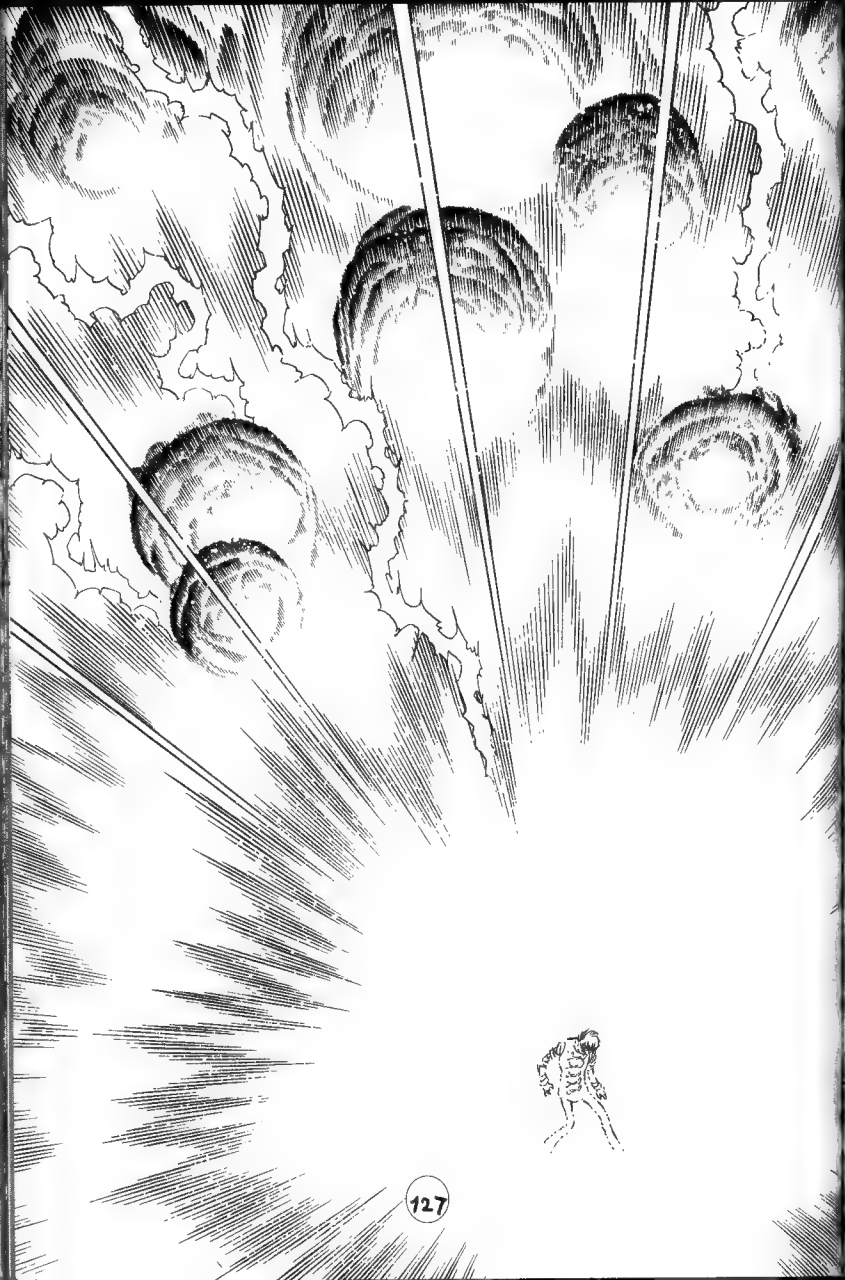


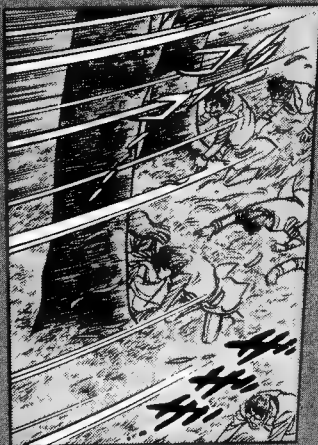
WE
CANNOT
ALLOW IT!











WHO'S DOING
THIS?!

IS IT
LADY
MAYA?

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IT'S
TEARING
THROUGH
THE
COMPOUND



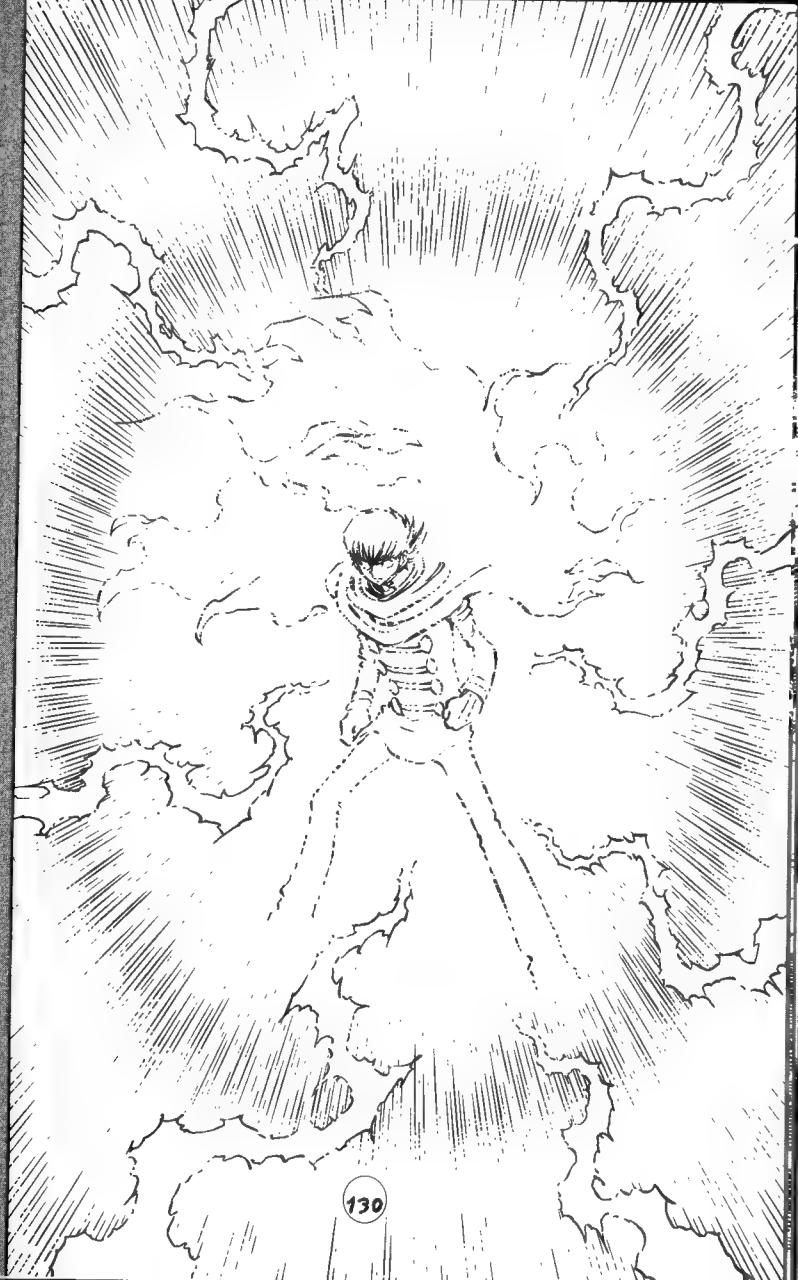
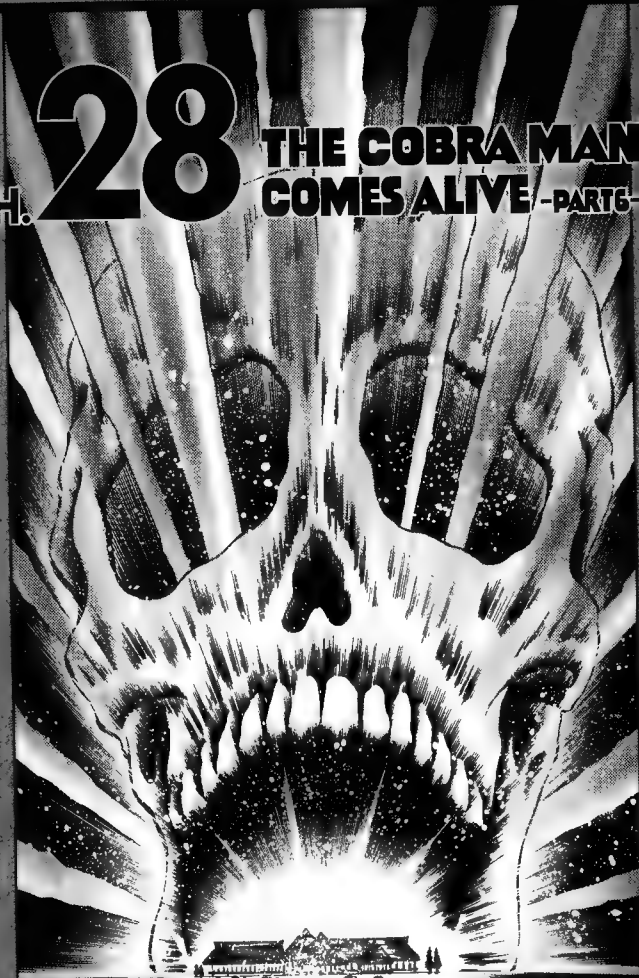
PSYCHIC
ENERGY?!

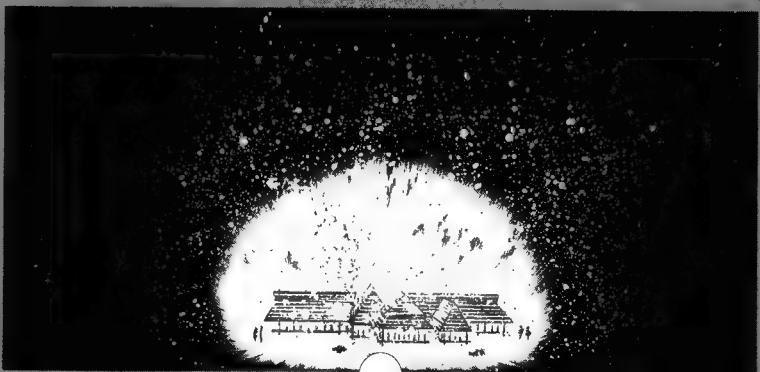
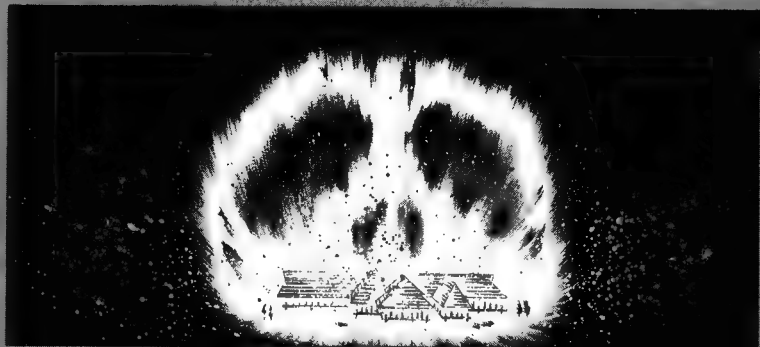
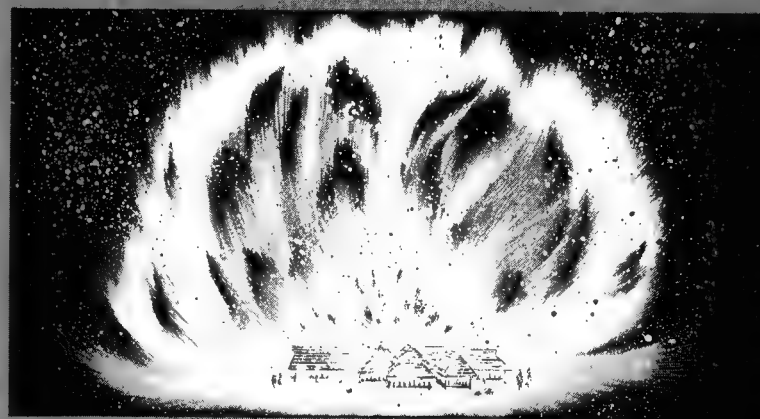
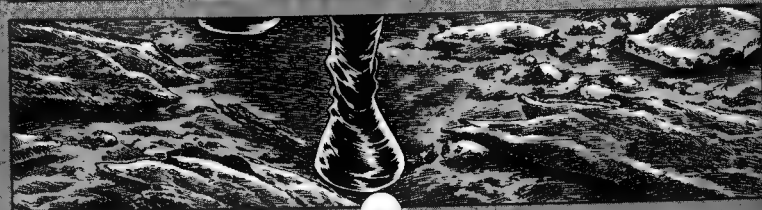
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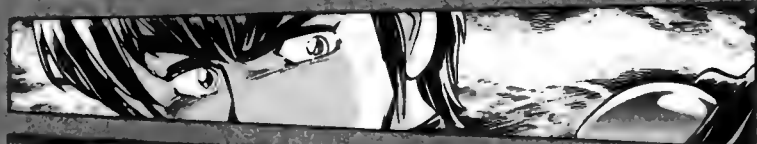
WHAT?!

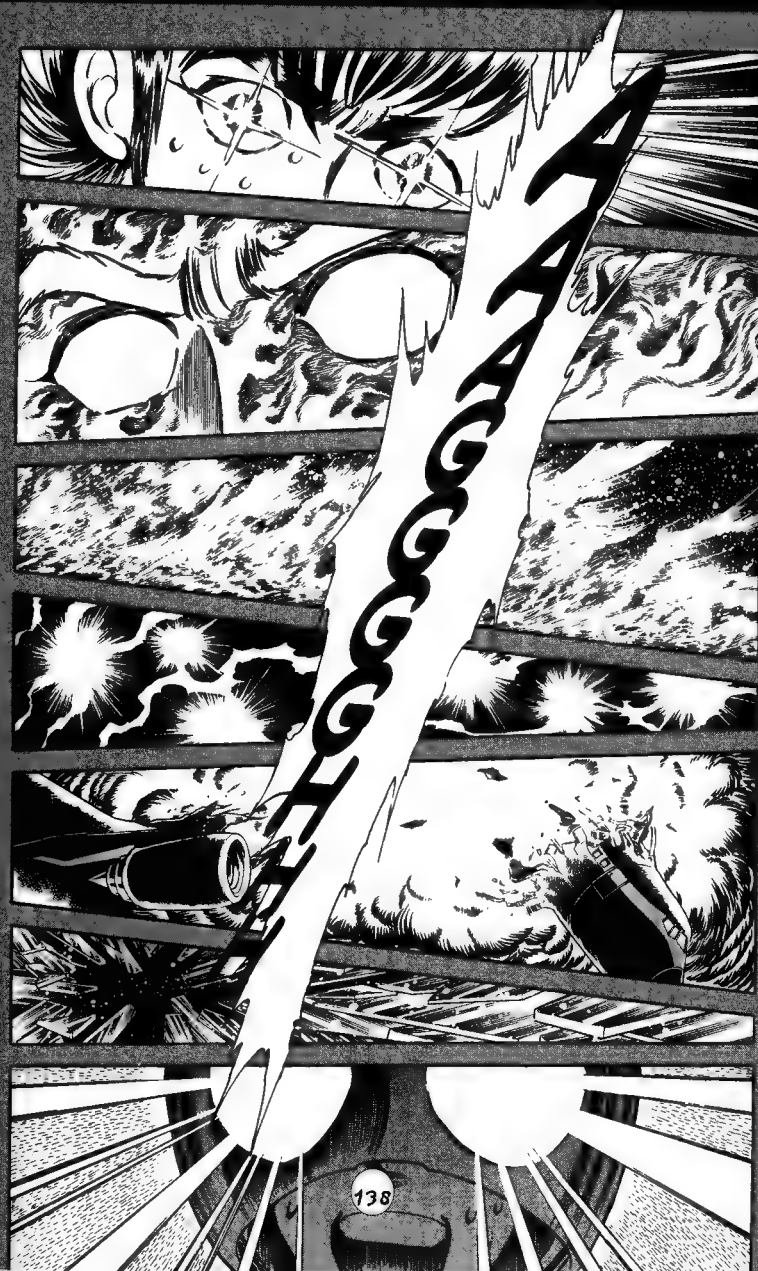
CH. **28** **THE COBRA MAN**
COMES ALIVE -PART-













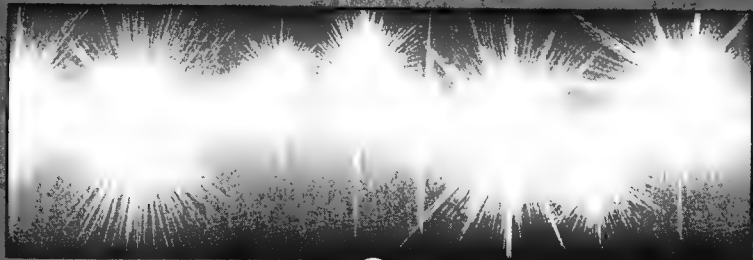
LADY
MAYA!!

CHAIRMAN
KOGETSU!!

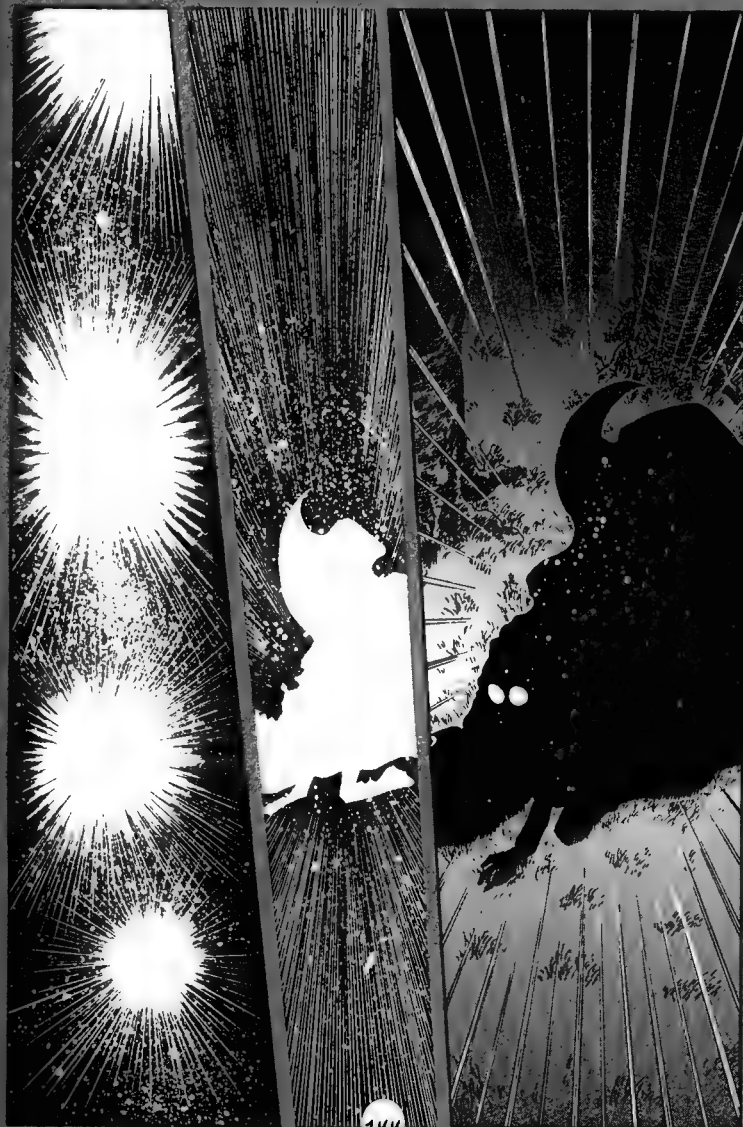


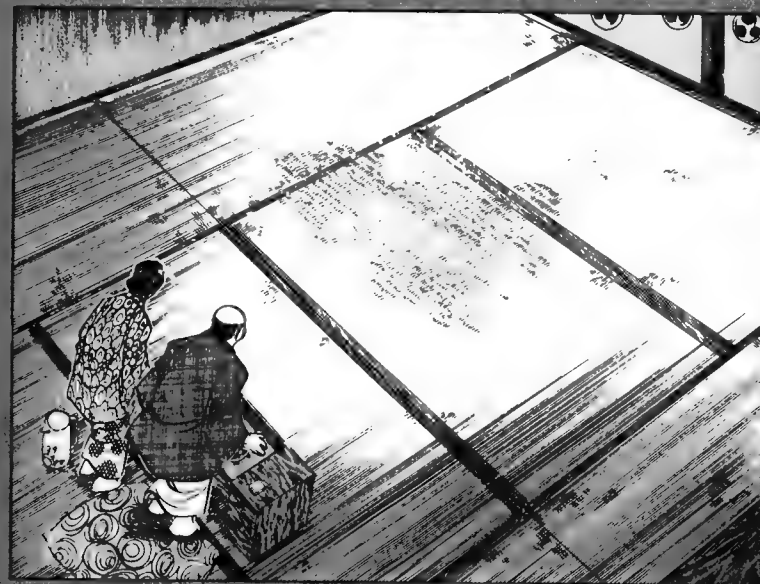
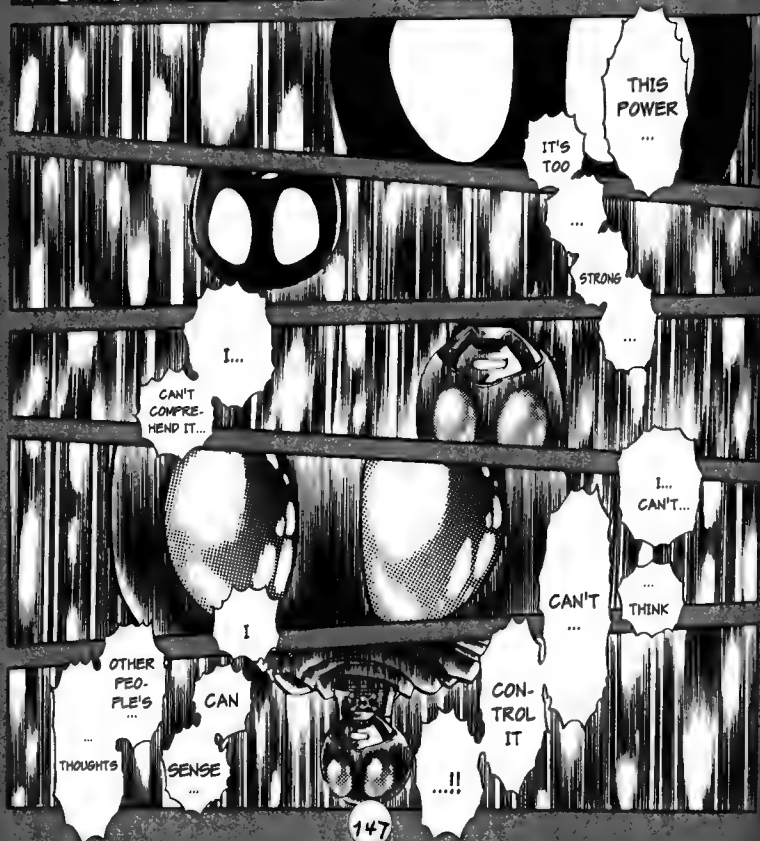
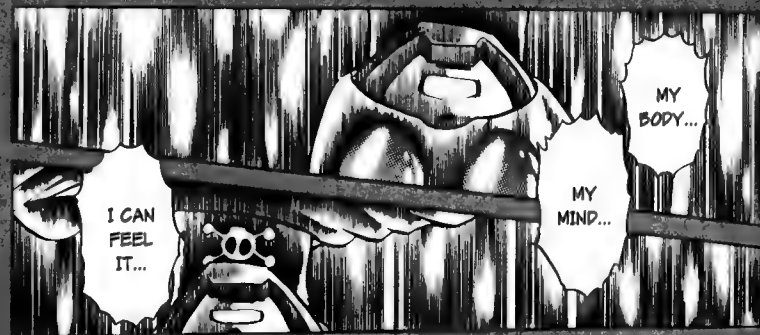
WHERE'S
THE
OTHER
ONE!

THERE
THEY
ARE...











IT'S ALL
FLOODING
INTO MY
MIND!!

CAN'T...

I
CAN'T
...

CONTROL
IT!!

STOP
IT!!

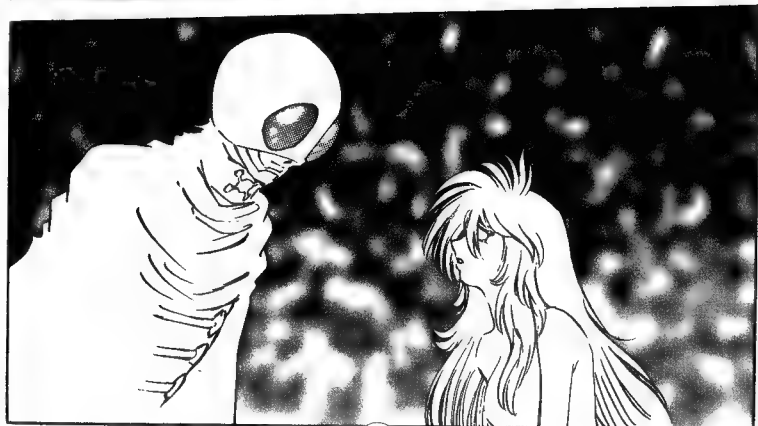
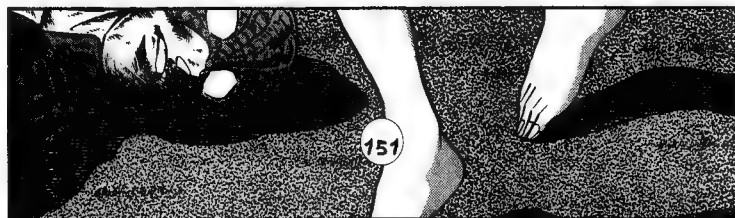
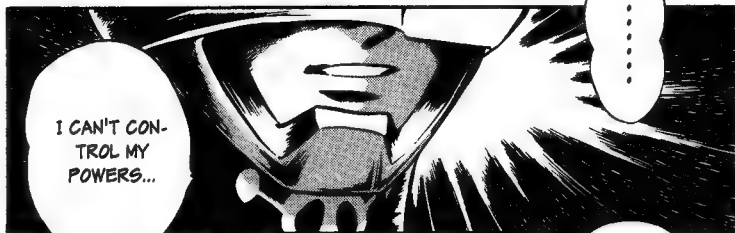
SOMEBODY

...

SOMEBODY

...

HELP
ME!!





A CHILD COULD
PERFORM THE
SIMPLETON
TASK I
ASSIGNED
THEM!

I JUST GOT A
DISAPPOINTING
MESSAGE FROM
ONE OF MY
SOLDIERS.



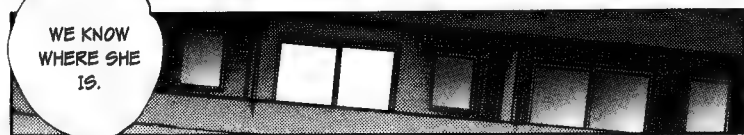
IS THIS
ABOUT MARIA'S
HIDEOUT?

I'M NOT
GOING TO
LIKE WHAT
YOU'RE
ABOUT TO
TELL ME,
RIGHT?.

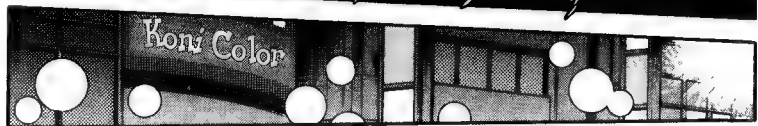


BUT
DON'T
WORRY.

YES.



WE KNOW
WHERE SHE
IS.



HEBITSUKA?

WHAT'S
WRONG?

HMM?



I JUST
NEED TO
CHECK...

IT'S
NOTHING.

OH...

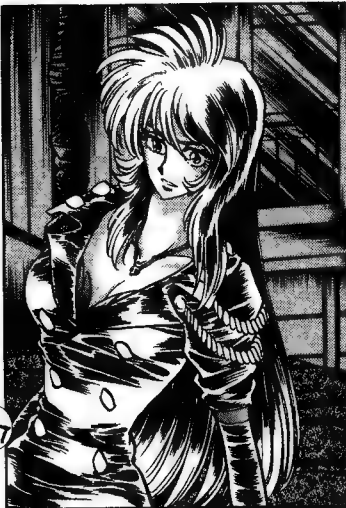
CH. 29

**THE COBRA MAN
COMES ALIVE -PART 7-**





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AND WE
MIGHT NEED
TO EXTRACT
THE INFOR-
MATION
FROM HER
FORCIBLY....

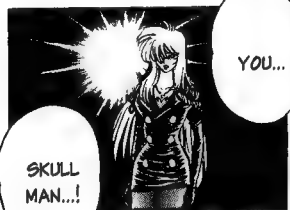
I HAVE TO
LEARN
WHAT SHE
KNOWS
ABOUT
SKULL MAN.

DON'T
KILL
MARIA...



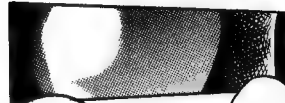
YES,
MASTER
RASPUTIN...!

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YOU...

SKULL
MAN...!

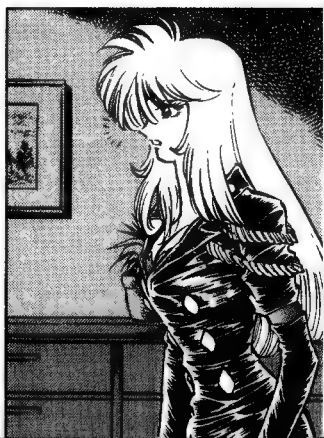


HMPH...

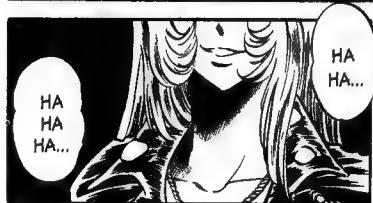
LOOKS LIKE
YOU'RE BACK
TO YOUR OLD
SELF AGAIN,
MARIA...



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HA
HA
HA...

HA
HA...



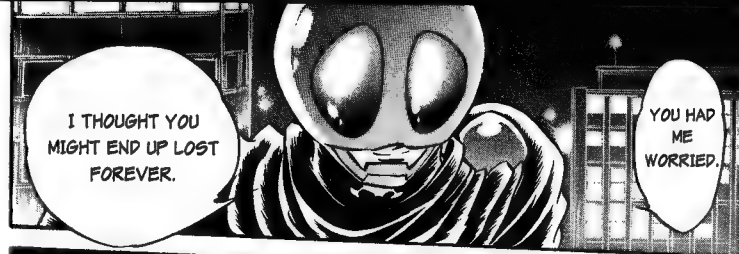
HA...



HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA



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I THOUGHT YOU
MIGHT END UP LOST
FOREVER.

YOU HAD
ME
WORRIED.



WORRIED?



MELDING
WITH MY MIND
HAS HAD A
HUGE IMPACT
ON YOU.

YOU ENDED
UP EXPERI-
ENCING MY
MEMORIES,

JUST
AS IF YOU
WERE THERE
YOURSELF.

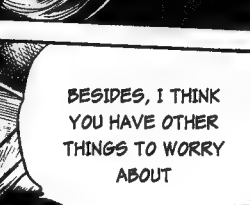
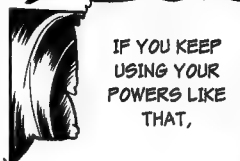
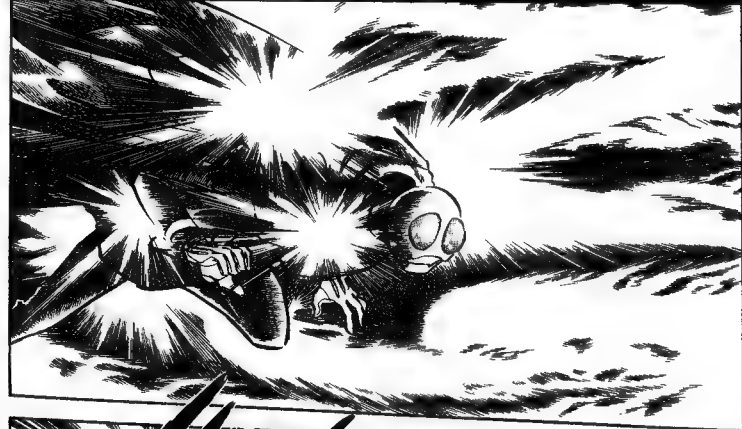
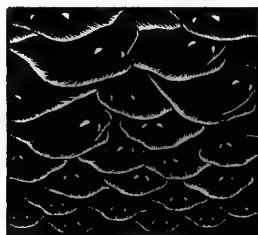
IT NEARLY
PROVE YOU
MAD.

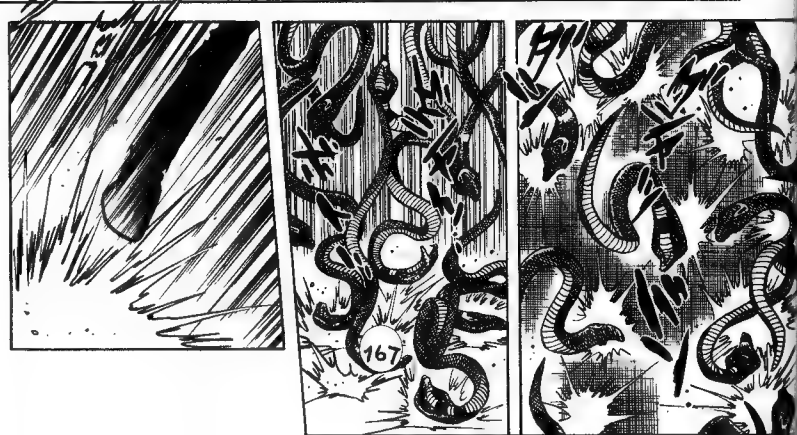
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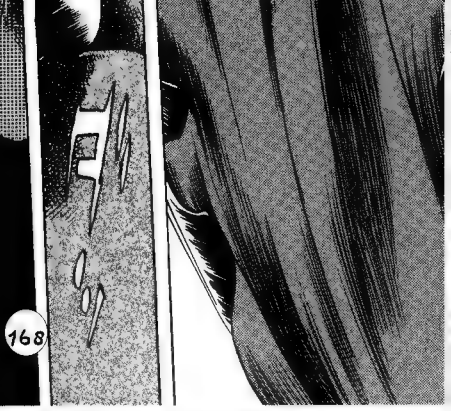


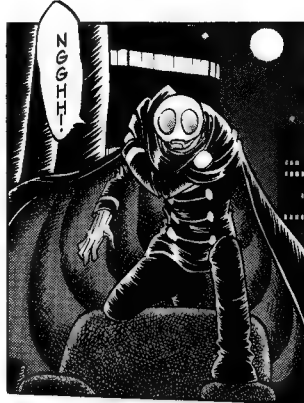
MARIA!!!











LOVE
HAS SUCH
PROFOUNDLY
CRIPPLING
EFFECTS ON
A MAN, YES?

I SUPPOSE EVEN YOU
CAN BE DISTRACTED
BY A BEAUTIFUL
WOMAN...

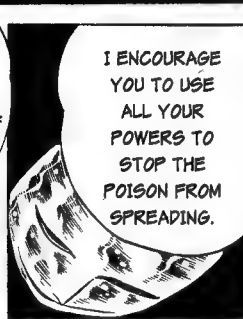


I'M
GOING
TO KEEP
YOU
VERY
ACTIVE
...



I GIVE YOU
ABOUT
THIRTY
MINUTES.
AND THAT'S IF
YOU REMAIN
STILL...

BUT...



I ENCOURAGE
YOU TO USE
ALL YOUR
POWERS TO
STOP THE
POISON FROM
SPREADING.



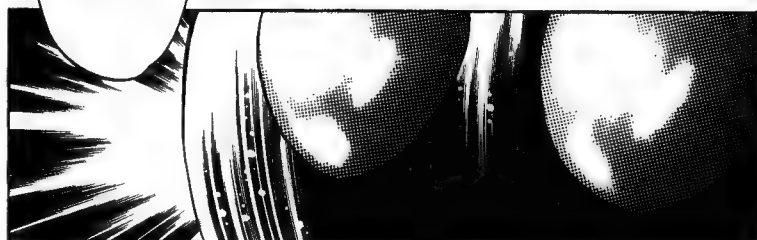
YOU'RE
INTUITION IS
EXTRA-
ORDINARY...

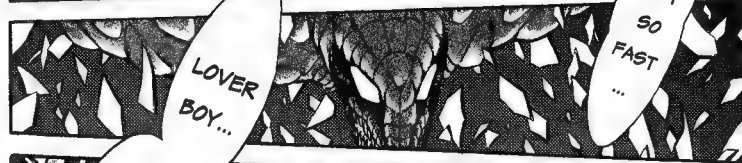
SKULL
MAN.

WE'VE
KNOWN SHE
WAS HERE
FOR QUITE
SOME TIME.

HEH
HEH

BUT WE
DIDN'T
EXPECT HER
TO BE BAIT
FOR A
BIGGER FISH.







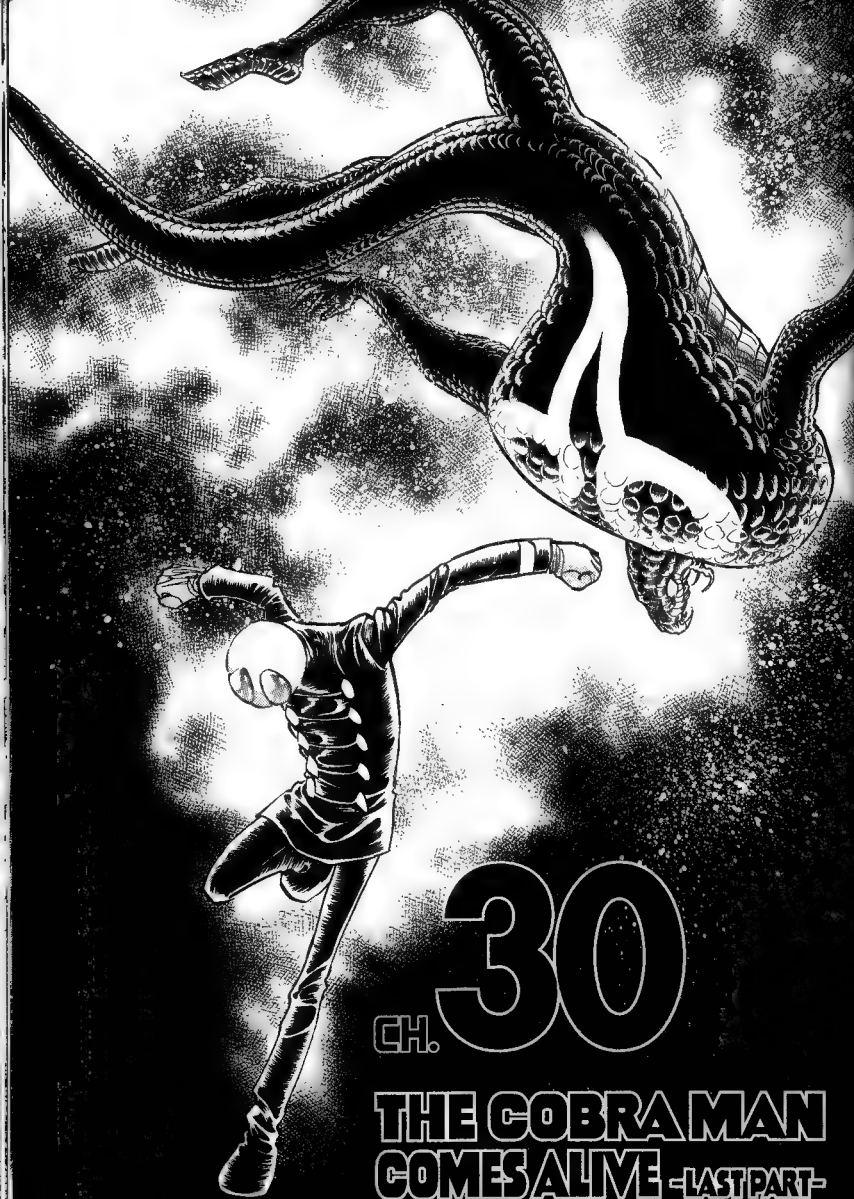




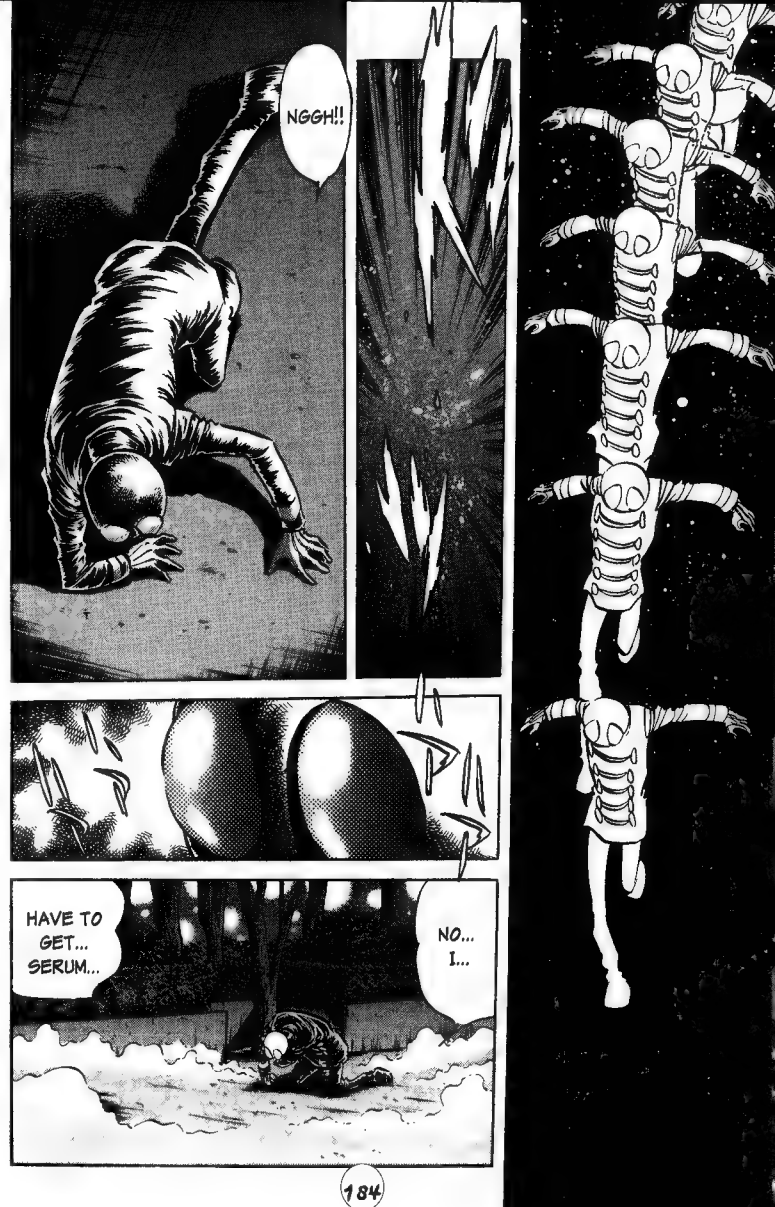
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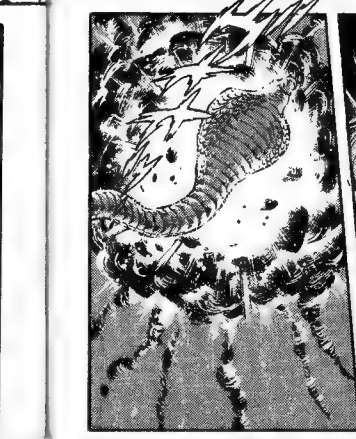
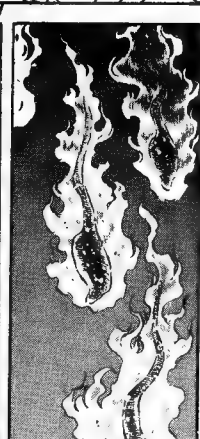
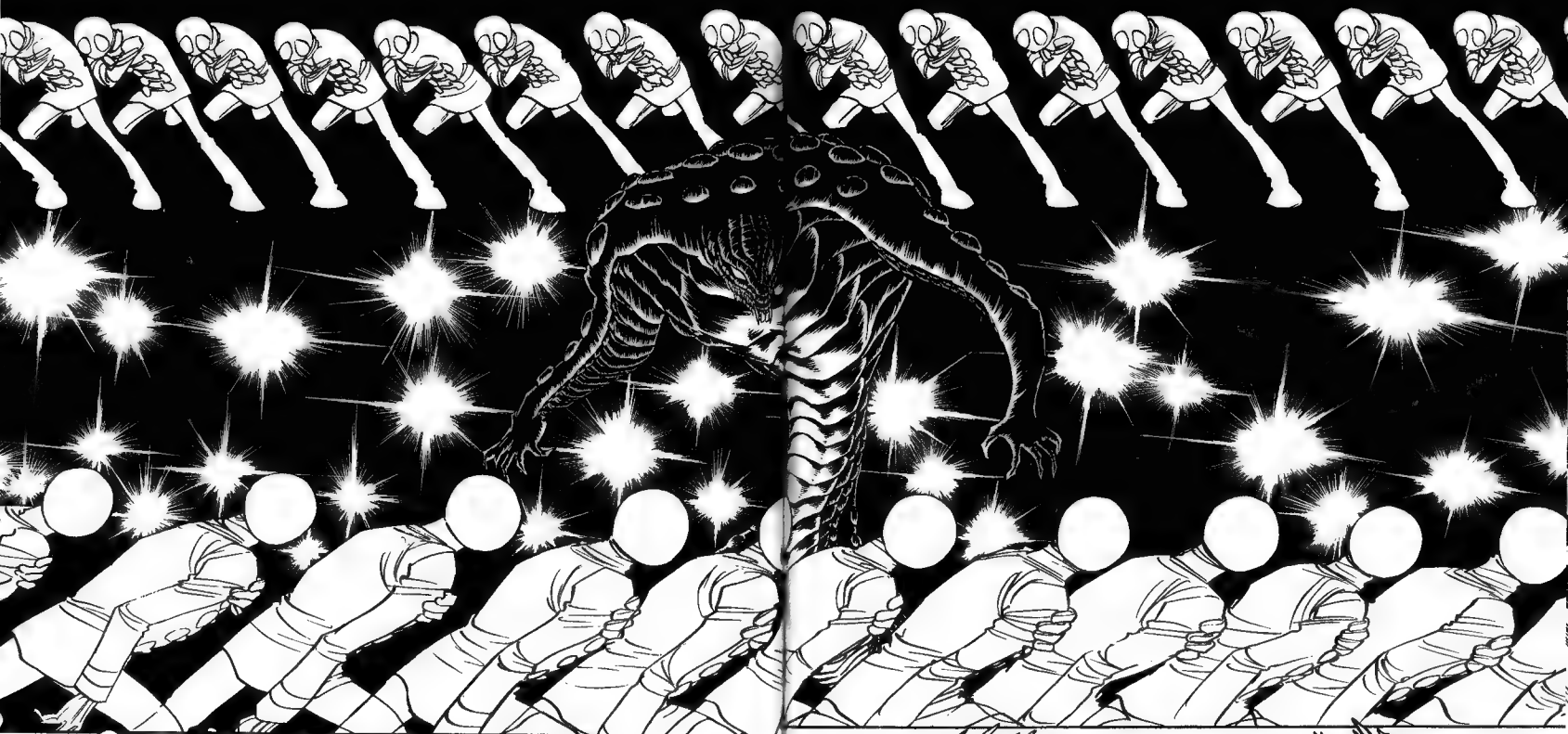
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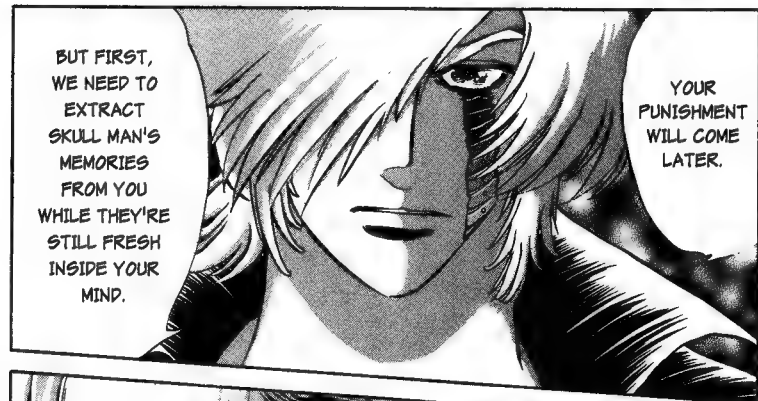






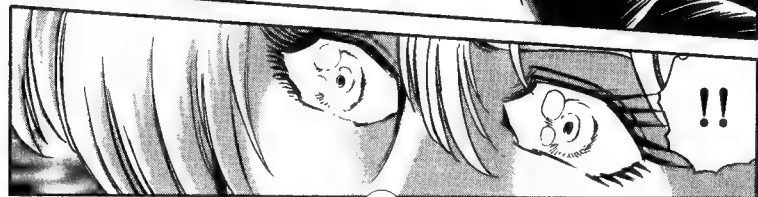


MASTER
RASPUTIN!

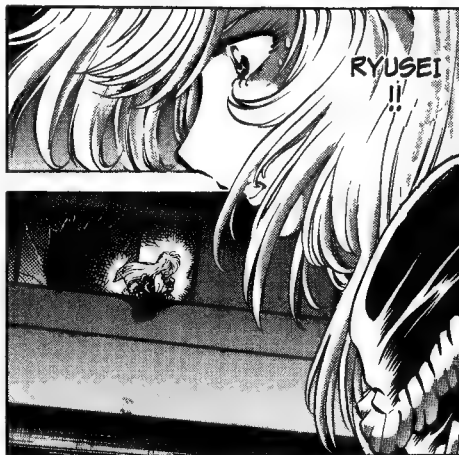


BUT FIRST,
WE NEED TO
EXTRACT
SKULL MAN'S
MEMORIES
FROM YOU
WHILE THEY'RE
STILL FRESH
INSIDE YOUR
MIND.

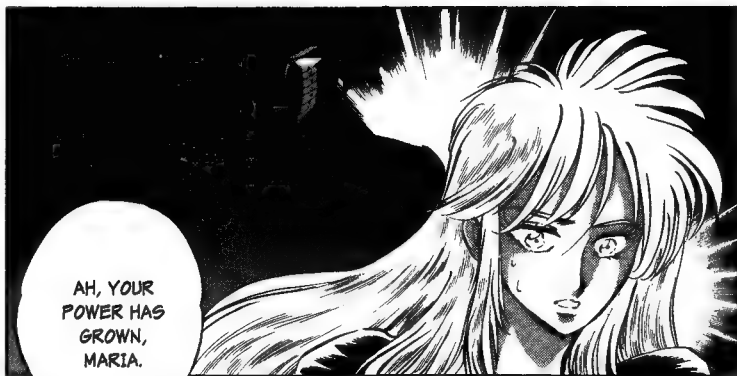
YOUR
PUNISHMENT
WILL COME
LATER.



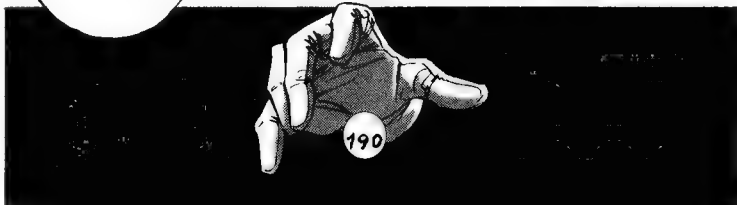
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RYUSEI!!



AH, YOUR
POWER HAS
GROWN,
MARIA.



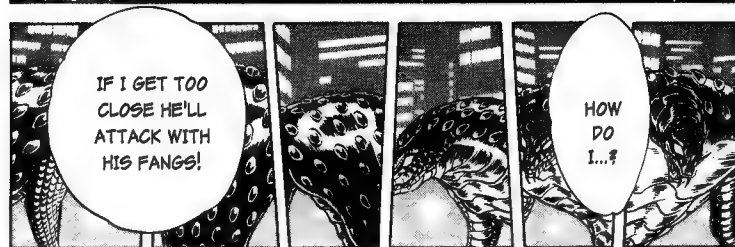
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IT ISN'T
TO MY ADVAN-
TAGE.

BUT...

IT'S
NO
GOOD!
I CAN'T
JUST KEEP
SPARRING
WITH HIM! I'M
WASTING
VALUABLE
TIME.



IF I GET TOO
CLOSE HE'LL
ATTACK WITH
HIS FANGS!

HOW
DO
I...?

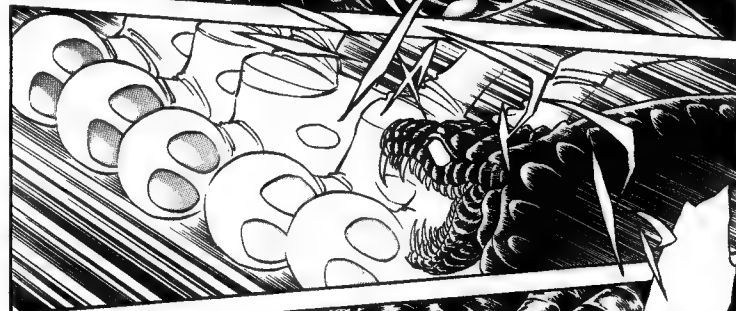


I'LL LOSE IF
I DRAG
THIS OUT!!

DAMMIT!

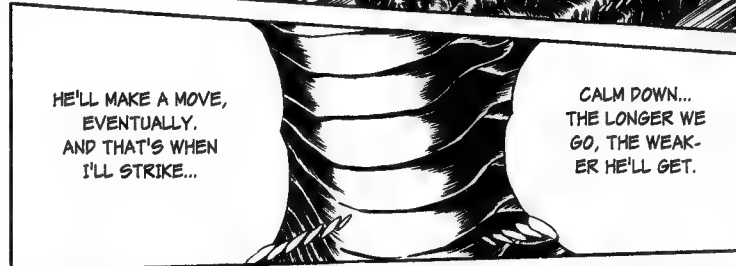


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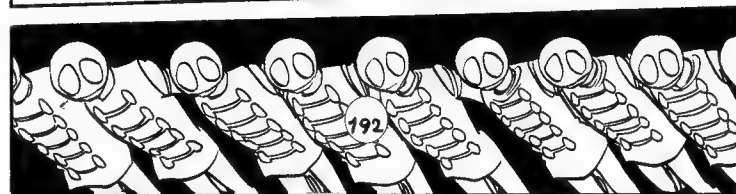
DAMN!

DID THAT FALL SLOW ME
DOWN THAT MUCH?!

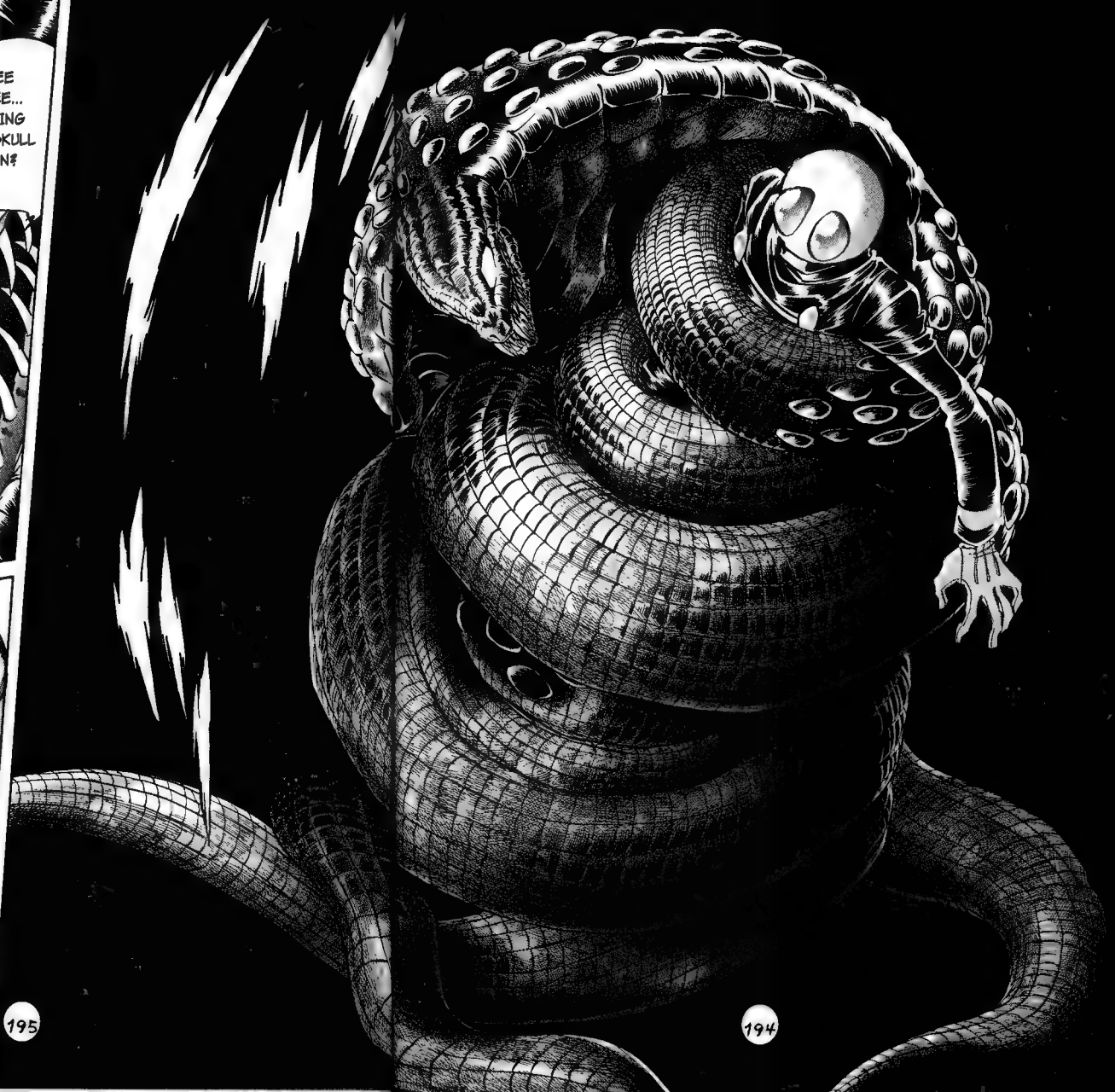
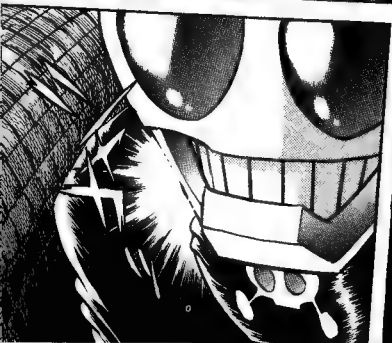
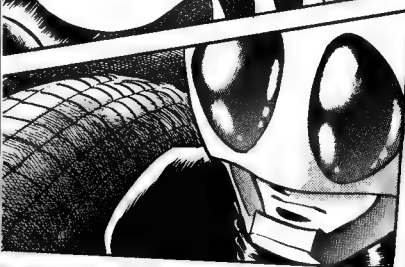


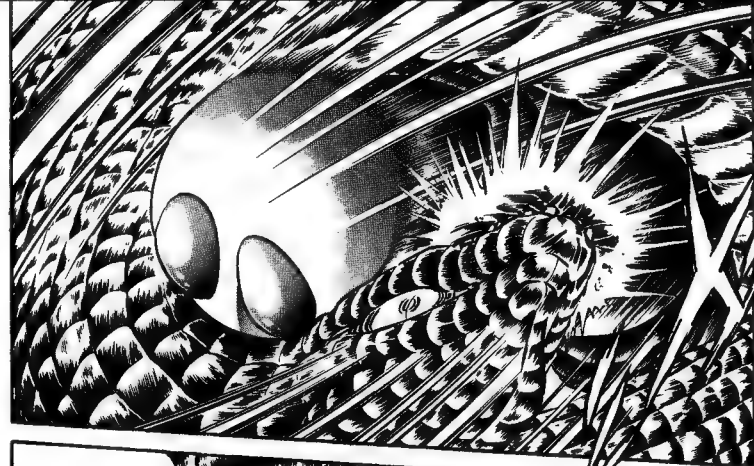
HE'LL MAKE A MOVE,
EVENTUALLY.
AND THAT'S WHEN
I'LL STRIKE...

CALM DOWN...
THE LONGER WE
GO, THE WEAK-
ER HE'LL GET.



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BUT I
ADMIRE YOUR
PERSEVERANCE.
NOW, GOODBYE!!

I SUPPOSE YOU DID WHAT YOU
COULD... A PITIFUL LITTLE
SKELETON BOY TRYING TO GET
YOUR REVENGE!



A
W
A
K
E
N
S
!!

ALL OF
HIS
PSYCHIC
ENERGY
...

HIS
MEMO-
RIES
...

... IF YOU
PUSH HIM
TO THE
EDGE...

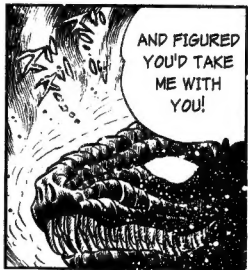
YOU CAN'T
KILL
RYUSEI...





YOU KNEW
YOU WERE
GOING TO
DIE...

GGGH... I
SEE...



AND FIGURED
YOU'D TAKE
ME WITH
YOU!



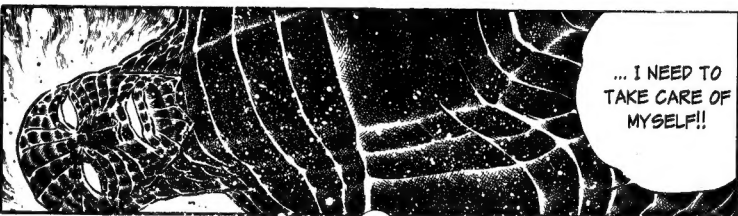
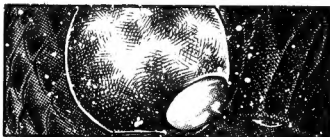
I'VE GOT TO
APPLAUD YOUR
VICIOUSNESS,
SKULL MAN!

YOU USED ALL
YOUR REMAINING
POWERS TO
TAKE US BOTH
DOWN.



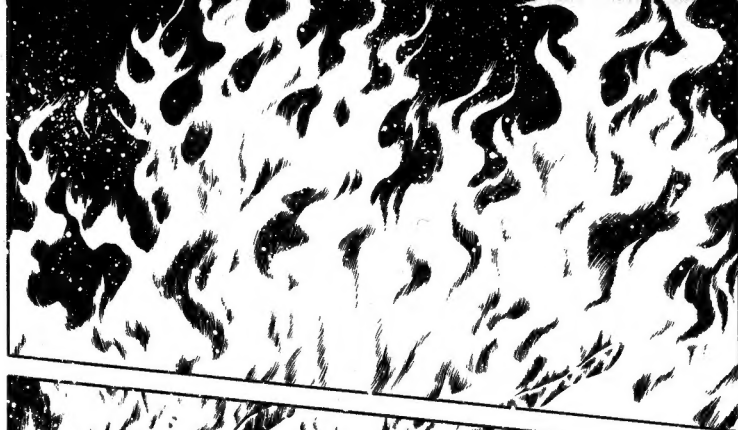
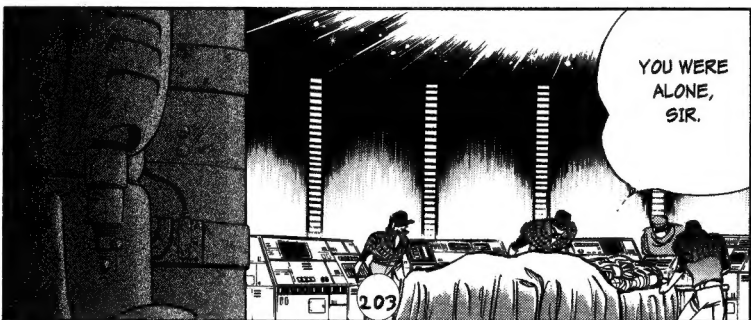
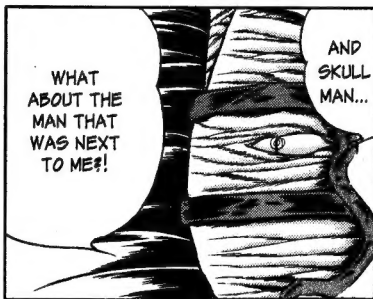
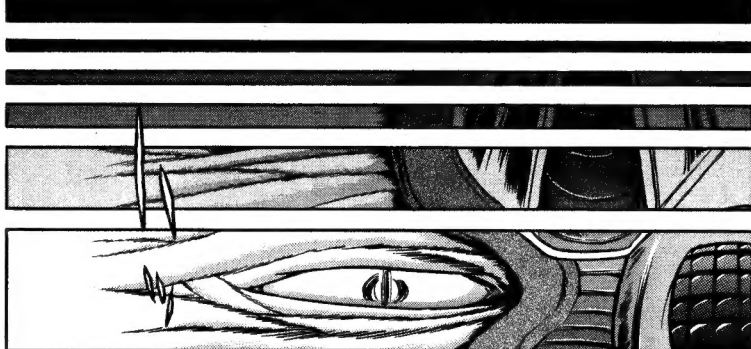
I HAVE A
LITTLE
REVENGE...

BUT I'M NOT
ABOUT TO JUST
ROLL OVER AND
DIE.



... I NEED TO
TAKE CARE OF
MYSELF!!





Preview for Skull Man Volume 5

Unconscious, envenomed and injured, the Skull Man disappears from the scene, but is he really safe? A syndicate bent on exhuming the scientific knowledge trapped within his mind slithers about in the darker recesses of the city. The Queen Bee still lords over her hive of drones equipped with a mind control serum. Rasputin still rules the Queen and the rest of his mutagenic flock. But, as the fair Maria has shown, Rasputin's hold on his agents has grown weaker. It may be time for the Queen to break free of his grip. And with Maya and Garo on his side, the Skull Man's army is beginning to measure up.



END OF VOLUME 4



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